Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You'll discover that real love is millions of miles past falling in love with anyone or anything. When you make that one effort to feel compassion instead of blame or self-blame, the heart opens again and continues opening. *Sara Paddison, Hidden Power of the Heart*

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God.
People: We come in faith, to meet God here.

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.
People: We come in hope to meet God here.

Leader: If we love one another, God dwells in us.
People: We come as one, to meet Love here.

Leader: Now abide faith, hope, and love.
People: And the greatest of these is love.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God.

***HYMN 370** "This Is My Father's World"
Text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
Music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
TERRA BEATA

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

O God, we know that love is patient, and yet sometimes we are impatient. We know that love is kind, yet sometimes we are unkind. We know love is not jealous or boastful, yet sometimes we secretly covet what others have and subtly flaunt our achievements. Holy One, forgive our lack of love. Fill our hearts to overflowing with your *agape* and your compassion that we might love you, our neighbors and ourselves, as you have called us to do. Through Christ we pray. (*Silent prayer…)*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE
One voice: God's amazing love is filled with grace, we are forgiven.
Many voices: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL
All those children and youth who are present are invited to participate.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 71:1-6

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

"A Job for Jesus, and Us"

HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak"
Text by Hal H. Hopson, 1972
Music: English Folk Melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972
GIFT OF LOVE

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**I believe God creates the world and all therein good,
even very good, no matter how far from that goodness
human beings wander;**

**I believe Love casts out fear,
and that living with compassion is the path to joy;**

**I believe Gratitude threads all of the connections
in the web of life;**

**I believe Wisdom dwells among us,
embodying both divine insight and human intellect;**

**I believe Hope banishes cynicism,
always drawing us toward a creative future;**

**I believe Awe opens us to an awakened life
that reaches out to the world to restore and save;**

**I believe Justice flows all around us,
like a healing river;**

I believe All Shall Be Well. This I believe.
Diana Butler Bass

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 366 vs. 1,3 and 4** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Text by Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery, Associate in ministry
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Carolyn Cole; Gina Marvin; Salyna Morgan; Blake Joslin; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Doug Bradley; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, and Pat Crumpler.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our online service however, you may mail your offering to:
Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
101 chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or make donations directly and securely on our website by going to, www.warrenwilsonchurch.org,

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Until COVID- 19 changed all of our plans, we were accustomed to seeing our youth in Chef's hats and with soup pots collecting for the Souper Bowl after church. We've missed this opportunity to teach our youth the significance of helping those experiencing food insecurity and teaching them to respond to this need in our own community. This year, we have the opportunity to once again see the young people of the church collect for the Souper Bowl of Caring with a DRIVE-THRU event! You can stay in your car and drop off your donation in front of the Chapel between 2:00-3:00 pm on Sunday, February 13. Monetary, and non-perishable food donations are encouraged.

SVCM NEEDS Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry needs your help with Winter children's clothing. Drop off Monday-Friday from 9:00-3:00. Need: Baby wipes, blankets (new or gently used), winter coats, sheets and towels and washcloths, laundry detergent, cat and dog food.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM We will hold a congregational meeting, via Zoom, at noon, next Sunday, February 6th, for the purpose of approving Steve's terms of call. We will also receive recommendations from our current nominating committee for next year's committee, along with a recommendation for a youth elder. And we will hear brief reports from our clerk of session and our pastor about the state of our church. Again, that will be next Sunday at noon, via Zoom. That link will be sent out via email.

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!