Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I do not understand the mystery of grace--only that it meets us where we are, but does not leave us where it found us."

Anne Lamott

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Choir: *God welcomes all, strangers and friends*
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

One voice: Love bids us come,
to be ourselves, just as we are.
Many voices: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends**
(sung) **God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

One voice: Christ bids us come,
to become all that we can be.
Many voices: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends**
(sung) **God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

One voice: God bids us come,
to be energized, renewed and inspired.
ALL: **Let us worship the living, loving God!**

***HYMN** "God of compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"
Text by John J. Moment, 1933
Music: Paris, *Antiphoner* 1681
O QUANTA QUALIA

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
Giver of grace for our needs all availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
Patience untiring and courage unfailing.
Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
Stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle around us,
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
You who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
We who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Donna Eagle Joslin**

Eternal god, you have come to us in Christ to lead us in the way of wholeness, yet we sometimes prefer the unhealthy outcomes of our broken world. Forgive us. You command us to love not only our neighbors, but even our enemies, yet we sometimes fail to love even those who are closest to us. Pardon us. You invite us to make peace, yet we sometimes add to the world's discord instead. Have mercy on us, and renew us in the ways Jesus taught. 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 come forward at this time.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 4:25-32

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 6:27-38

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

"He Should know"

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Susan Laney
Allee Williams

HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
TEXT and MUSIC: African American Spiritual
I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in word and deed, the children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into new adventures of ministry
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Bruce Prewer (adapted)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** "Go to the World!"
Text by Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

***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

Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Pat Crumpler and family, on the death of her niece, Lauren Talton, Fran Roberts; 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.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the sanctuary, or 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 OFFERING Last Sunday our children led us in a wonderfully successful "drive-thru" Souper Bowl offering, raising just under $600 and collecting over 150 individual food items. So, first, thank you to everyone who supported the offering for your generosity! Now that we're back to worshiping in-person, we wanted to give anyone who was not able to participate last week the chance to support this local offering, all of which will go to Manna Food Bank, to help support their efforts to reduce food insecurity in this area. Make your checks payable to WWPC and note "Souper Bowl" offering in the memo line and drop them in the soup pots in the narthex.

SVCM NEEDS Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry needs your help with 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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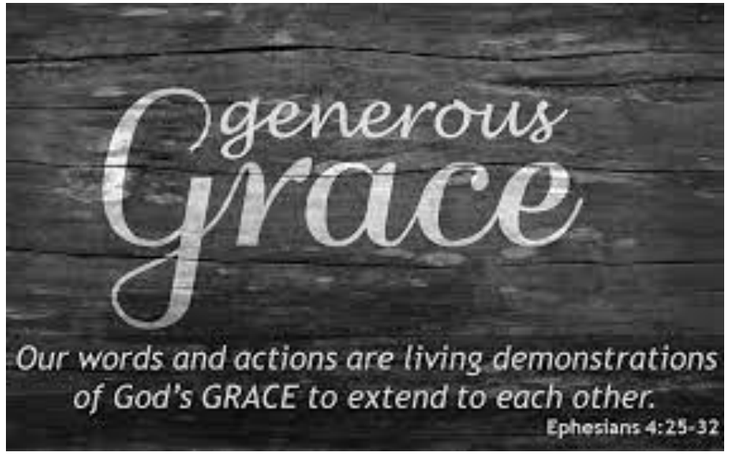

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces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