Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
One voice: When the night grows dark around us . . .
Many voices: I want Jesus, to walk with me.

One voice: When our hearts are prone to fear . . .
Many voices: I want Jesus, to walk with me.

One voice: When the way ahead leads into the wilderness . . .
Many Voices: All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

One voice: Let us join our hearts together,
and follow Jesus on the road ahead.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 49** "The god of Abraham Praise"
Text: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.
Music: Jewish melody, 17th cent.
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***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Tacci Smith**

Holy One, as we continue on our Lenten journey, we confess that we would be happy to skip ahead to Easter. The cross and the tomb are frightening stages on the road to resurrection. We are only human. We do not want our hopes to die. We do not want our vision of ourselves, or of our future, or of you, to be sealed off in darkness. As Good Friday now steadily approaches, fix in us an Easter faith, a faith that believes that you will never leave us or forsake us, even when it feels like we are in the tomb. Through Christ we pray.

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.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**
All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 13

ANTHEM "Thou Knowest, Lord" by Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God, most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy eternal, suffer us not,
at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall,
to fall from thee. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 13:31-35

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

Permission Granted

HYMN **"**God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger"
Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2002
Music: Traditional Dutch melody, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
IN BABILONE

God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

We believe in God, our Father, our Mother, our Creator,
who gives us steadfast love, shares with us our joy,
and sustains us in our suffering.
God's power is open to us; we trust in the Divine One.

We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary.
His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope;
in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered
forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation
from brokenness, release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church,
to celebrate God's love, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
to share with him in baptism, and to eat at his Table.

Because we are Jesus' disciples, his pilgrim people,
we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love,
to pray for one another, to care for one another,
To worship, learn and grow together.

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

From *Eat Pray Love Liturgy* (adapted)

***HYMN 846** "Fight the Good Fight"
Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863
Music: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793
DUKE STREET

***THE CHARGE**

BENEDICTION "The Grace" by Richard Shepherd

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

(During this time of Lent, we ask that you leave the sanctuary in meditative silence.)

*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: Tacci Smith
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sharon Lytle, Susan Daugherty
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Grace Boyer and family, on the death of her father Ken; Pat Crumpler and family, on the death of her niece, Lauren Talton, Fran Roberts; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Carolyn Cole; Gina Marvin; 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.

BAGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Worship Bags and Children's Books are available in the Narthex for our younger worshippers. Please place used bags in the labeled bucket after worship so they can be cleaned. Hand sanitizer is available inside each worship bag and its use is encouraged before using the included materials.

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,

SIGN UP SHEETS As we begin our travels back to normalcy, there is a sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour hosts on the table in the Narthex. Please remember social distancing as you sign-up for this fellowship service opportunity for the church. Thank you!

PAID WORK FOR AFGHAN FAMILY MEMBER If you are interested in hiring our Afghan refugee for a few hours, please contact Vicki Collins, vcollins@warren-wilson.edu.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR Join us on March 20th for an extended coffee hour on the Fellowship porch after the morning service. Tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils will be blooming! Bring finger foods if you are able. (Please be aware of covid protocol- No dips, or anything that requires a spoon or fork.)

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for youth and children will resume starting next Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 9:45-10:30. All are welcome!

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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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!