Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen Chris Heckert

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One Voice: Give thanks to the Lord,
For God is good.
Many Voices: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One voice: Give thanks to the one
Who does great wonders.
Many voices: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One voice: Give thanks to our creator,
Whose presence surrounds us always.
Many voices: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God.

(Adapted from Psalm 136)

***HYMN 79** "Light Dawns on a Weary World"
Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001
Music: William P. Rowan, 2000
TEMPLE OF PEACE

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Don Collins**

O God, we confess that we are often far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us into new ventures of faithfulness. We fear rejection, failure and discomfort. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. Save us from our timidity. Use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. May your Spirit blow through us with the breath of new life that we might share that life with a hurting world. 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.

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

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 63:1-8

ANTHEM "O Savior of the World" by John Goss

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 13:1-9

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

The Hardest Question

HYMN 696 " O God, You Are My God Alone"
Text: The Iona Community, 1993
Music: Mary Kay Beall, 1991
GRATUS

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

We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our lives.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's coming reign,
Where all things fit together in vibrant harmony.

We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one,
the one in three,

We believe in God.

Adapted from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* by Christine Sine.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

***HYMN 435** " There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854
Music: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906
IN BABILONE

***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: Don Collins
Coffee Hour Hosts: Congregational Life
Elder of the Day: Bob Gambrell

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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 today, March 20, for an extended coffee hour on the Fellowship porch after the service. Tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils are blooming! ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for youth and children has resumed today, March 20. Join us from 9:45-10:30. All are welcome!

EASTER LILIES We will once again be ordering Easter Lilies this year to honor our loved ones. They will be displayed on Easter Sunday along with a bulletin insert listing who is being honored, and who has honored them. Following the Easter service, everyone will take their lilies home to enjoy. Please use the order sheet attached to the bulletin and leave your order with payment in the large envelope in the Narthex that has a picture of an easter Lily on it. (Do not put orders in the offering plates.) THANK YOU!

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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!