Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

When Lent comes, you have to put away the tinsel; you have to take down your Christmas tree, and stand out in the open…vulnerable. You either are or you aren't. You either believe or you don't. You either will or you won't. And O Lord, how we love the stable and the star! When Lent comes the angels' voices begin their lamenting, And we find ourselves in a courtyard where we must answer whether we know him or not. Ann Weems

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 51) **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

One voice: Today we continue our Lenten journey, a journey from ashes to Easter.
Many voices: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.

One voice: Today we acknowledge that we will face temptations along the way.
Many voices: Cast me not away from your presence, take not your holy spirit from me.

One voice: Today we remember whom we worship and serve.
Many voices Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 165** "The Glory of These Forty Days"
Text: Gregory the Great, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906
Music: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
ERHALT UNS, HERR

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Sally Broughton**

O God, the world resounds with so many deceptive voices, calling us to be afraid, to be small, to remain hidden, to be something, or someone, other than who you created us to be. Forgive us when we heed these voices, and succumb to these temptations. The world is full of so many treasures: love and friendship, beauty and kindness, forgive us when we chose things of lesser value over these wondrous and holy things, these things that are not things. As we begin our Lenten journey, set our feet back on the paths that lead to life. Through Christ we pray . . . Amen.

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

ANTHEM " Wash Me Throughly" by David Halls

Wash me throughly from my wickedness and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 4:1-13

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

We Make the Way by Walking

***RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION: A Lenten Litany**

Leader: Jesus invites us to follow him into the wilderness, and to fast from our dependence on ordinary things.
All: Let us walk his way with trust.

Leader: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.
All: Let us walk his way with humility.

Leader: Jesus beckons us to a way of faithful risk, letting go of our security and trusting in God.
All: Let us walk his way with courage.

Leader: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.
All: Let us walk his way with faith.

Leader: Jesus models for us the way that makes for peace, peace for ourselves and peace for the world.
All: Let us walk in his way with love.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 510** "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"
Text and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984
COME, SHARE THE LORD

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise…

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***HYMN 481** "I Believe in God the Father"
Text: David Gambrell, 2009
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551
GENEVAN 42

***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: Sally Broughton
Coffee Hour Host: Sarah Anne Eller
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: 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.

NICKEL A MEAL OFFERING The first Sunday of each month, we collect our Nickel a Meal offering. Look for the red baskets on the offering table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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!

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!