Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"There is enough for all.
The earth is a generous mother; she will provide in plentiful abundance food for all her children if they will but cultivate her soil in justice and in peace." *Bourke Coekran*

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**
(Based on Psalm 1:1-3)

One: Truly blessed persons don't take advice from the foolish or from those who are disrand the earth is my blue boat homeespectful.

Many: Instead blessed persons love God and listen for God's guidance in their lives.

One: They are like trees that are planted by streams of water,

Many: and their branches bear fruit in God's time.

One: Let us worship our God who nurtures our roots and makes our leaves flourish.

***HYMN 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
DIX

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Pat Levi**

All: Holy God, you cause rain to fall on the just and unjust. Sometimes we are part of the just, and sometimes we are part of the unjust. You have given us incredible gifts of soil, water, and air that sustain our entire lives. When we are ungrateful, forgive us. When we forget to take care of those resources, forgive us. When we horde these resources and keep them from others who need them, forgive us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to refresh us and renew us so that we can use the gifts you have grown in us to care for each other and our earth. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
(Based on Psalm 23:1-3, 6)

One: God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls. God leads us on righteous paths.
All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we dwell in the theater of God's creation.

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Genesis 2:4b-24

ANTHEM "Blue Boat Home"
Lyrics by Peter Mayer
Music based on HYFRYDOL
Heather Bronson, Soprano

Though below me I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say
I've been sailing all my life now
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep
Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home

I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor's song
I was born upon the fathoms
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
Acts 17:22-31

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Bill Neely**

"Another Account of the Creation"

***HYMN 250** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"
Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
PROMISE

***LITANY FOR EARTH DAY**
(Based on Gen 1:12, 26-28 and Psalm 96:11-12)

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

Many: Let the sea roar, and let the field exclaim!

One: The trees of the forest will sing for joy!

Many: God cares for all of God's creation.

One: When God began to create the heavens and the earth the earth was without shape, and it was dark over the deep sea while God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters.

Many: God created everything and called it "good."

One: God created humanity in God's own image to take charge and take care of the earth, the plants, and the animals.

Many: From the smallest seed to the largest tree, from the smallest atom to the largest continent, God calls upon us to care for our good world.

One: It is our responsibility and great joy to care for our world.

Many: Today on Earth Day 2022 we pledge our continued efforts to care for our world, to protect endangered animals, to secure safe drinking water for areas without it, to reduce our energy use, and to advocate for the protection of these resources and others. With God's help we will care for God's creation. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 15** "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*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
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Liturgist: Pat Levi
Coffee Hour Host: Sally Broughton
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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us on this joyous day!

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Elizabeth Cook and family, on Bob's death; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Fran Roberts; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Gina Marvin; Brooks and Carol Lee Joslin, Blake's parents; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; 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.

WELCOME REV. DR. NEELY! We welcome the Rev. Dr. Bill Neely as our guest preacher today. Bill is an honorably retired minister with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served congregations in Tennessee and South Carolina before serving fourteen years as Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian, Greenville, NC. For the past 27 years, Bill has served on the National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). He lives in Montreat with his wife, Wanda, also an honorably retired minister with the PC(USA).

ABOUT OUR LITURGY TODAY The liturgy for today's Earth Day service was developed by *Emily Morgan, a student at Princeton Theological Seminary and a Candidate for Ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

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,

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

STILL NEEDED TO HELP BUILD HABITAT'S NEXT HOUSE OF FAITH -2 volunteers for a half day (8:15 - 12) shift on Friday, May 20, and 1 volunteer for a day shift (8:15 to 3:15) on Saturday, June 4. All other spaces have been filled by members of our Church.
Contact Larry Griswold larrygris@gmail.com

NICKEL A MEAL Next Sunday, we will be collecting our Nickel a Meal offering. Look for the red baskets as you walk into the sanctuary.

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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!