Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Allow nature's peace to flow into you as sunshine flows into trees."
John Muir

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Labenske

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

"A Litany of Remembrance"
by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

ONE VOICE: At the rising sun and at its going down;
MANY VOICES: **We remember them.**

ONE VOICE: At the blowing of the wind
and in the chill of winter;
MANY VOICES: **We remember them.**

ONE VOICE: At the opening of the buds
and in the rebirth of spring;
MANY VOICES: **We remember them.**

ONE VOICE: At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer;
MANY VOICES: **We remember them.**

ONE VOICE: At the rustling of the leaves
and in the beauty of the autumn;
MANY VOICES: **We remember them.**

ONE VOICE: For as long as we live, they too will live,
for they are now a part of us.
MANY VOICES: **And we will remember them.**

ALL: **Let us join together**
in worship and remembrance.

***HYMN** "Sometimes a Light Surprises"
Text: William Cowper, 1779
Music: Irish folk melody

Sometime a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, God grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but God will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

O God, we confess today our failure to believe that the world can change. We doubt because, trusting in our own strength alone, we have tried to change it, to make it better, more just, more peaceful, and we have fallen short. Equip us with the power of steadfast hope and unalloyed faith so that our energy and our courage might be renewed; energy to continue the work, courage to believe that change is possible, that hope can triumph over fear, that peace and justice can prevail, that love can, and will, triumph over hate. Through Christ we pray. *(Silent Prayer…)*

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 30

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Romans 12 (selected verses)

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

"Joy Comes, after the Mourning"

***HYMN** "In an Age of Twisted Values"
Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1995
Music: Alfred V. Fedak, 1988

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
when our young ones are bewildered, when they lose their way in life,
when we fail to give the children all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.

(verse three adaptation: Steve Runholt)

CREDO (I Believe), A Litany of Grace **Diana Butler Bass**

I believe God creates the world and all therein good,
even very good,
no matter how far from that goodness human beings wander;

I believe Love casts out fear,
and that living with compassion is the path to joy;

I believe Gratitude threads all of the connections in the web of life;

I believe Wisdom dwells among us,
embodying both divine insight and human intellect;

I believe Hope banishes cynicism,
always drawing us toward a creative future;

I believe Awe opens us to an awakened life
that reaches out to the world to restore and save;

I believe Justice flows all around us,
like a healing river;

I believe All Shall Be Well.

This I believe.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"
Text: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773
Music: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE "O, How I Love Jesus" arr. Bober

*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

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Daugherty Family
Elder of the Day: Bob Gambrell

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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 in this beautiful outdoor setting!

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Kip Smith, Tacci's father; 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.

ABOUT OUR CALL TO WORSHIP We first used this litany in worship following the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, on October 27, 2018. We use it again today to remember the children lost this week in Uvalde, Texas, as well as the victims of other such shootings just this month in New York and California. We are also aware that here in the US we recently passed a heart-rending milestone, with one million lives lost to COVID. On this Memorial Day Sunday, we join our voices in remembering these tragic and unnecessary losses.

GUEST PIANIST Noah Melton graduated from Pfeiffer University in 2008 with a double major in Music Education and Christian Education. Currently, he is the Chorus Director at East Henderson High School.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the pavilion, 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,

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. We will collect this special offering on June 5, 2022. If you decide to contribute, please make your check out to WWPC with Pentecost Offering on the memo line. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR Looking for summertime coffee hour hosts! If you are in-town this summer or know your summertime schedule, please sign up for a date on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office. Easy instructions are posted in the parlor kitchen. Thank you, from the Congregational Life team!

A NOTE ABOUT SUMMER WORSHIP We know there are a variety of opinions about the best time to worship in the summer. This year, at the recommendation of our Worship Team, and with Session's approval, we will continue to worship at 11:00 throughout this summer.

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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!