Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground."

Brennan Manning

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

One voice: Here we are Lord
Many voices: The outcasts and the outraged.

One voice: Here we are Lord
Many voices: The tired and the temperamental.

One voice: Here we are Lord
Many voices: The joyful and the jumpy.

One voice: Here we are Lord
Many voices: The prayerful and the panicked.

One voice: Join us right where we are
All: We have come here to worship you.

***HYMN 297** "In Christ Called to Baptize"
Text: Ruth Duck, 1995
Music: Welsh folk melody, 1839
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***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Diana Sanderson**

Forgive us, Lord, when we are just not getting it. When your call seems vague and your Word is confusing. Help us to be honest when we don't understand. Give us the gift of questioning and send those who are willing to wrestle those questions with us. And when we fail spectacularly in our efforts, lift us up from those moments, teach us afresh what it means to live in you and with this community of believers. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One voice: Friends, our God always stands ready to pick us up,
Dust us off and set us back on the right path.
We are never alone, and we always have another chance
to be the people God created us to be.
All: Thanks be to God!

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

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 137

THE SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8:26-39

THE SERMON **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

"United in Baptism"

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the horizons of hope are never fixed.
They always move beyond our understanding,
in the creativity of God.
We believe that the powers of evil cannot kill God.
God walks on freely and leaps ahead of us,
in the risen Christ of faith.
We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.
She dances throughout the world,
and is found in surprising places.
And so we affirm that even when darkness gathers,
We will live in hope. We will keep the faith!
Even when justice seems far off and peace feels like a dream,
We will live in hope. We will keep the faith!
Until God's reign is realized on earth as it is in heaven,
We will live in hope! We will keep the faith!

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 317** "In Christ There Is No East or West"
Text: John Oxenham, 1908
Music: African American Spiritual, 1940
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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 338** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
Text: Katherine Lee Bates, 1893
Music: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882
MATERNA

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH 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: Diana Sanderson
Picnic Hosts: The Congregational Life Team
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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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: Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Gina Marvin; David Kelley and Stephanie Sasse's wedding day, Janice Collins and Jim Storey's son and new daughter-in-law; 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.

TODAY'S LITURGY Call to Worship, Confession and Assurance adapted from the work of Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald and Rev. Anne Russ. Used with permission.

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,

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!

LITURGISTS We are looking for people to be liturgists throughout the summer. If you are interested, call the church office, or email the church administrator at deagle@warren-wilson.edu. Thank you!

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.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC Join us today for our Church Picnic following the service on the patio of Fellowship Hall and on the grounds surrounding the building. All are welcome!

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt is currently on Sabbatical. For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery at 704-962-8975

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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!