Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Science and religion are two different ways of being curious."
Stephen Jay Gould

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who are new to faith.
Many voices: We come to probe and to explore;
we come to learn and to grow.

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who have practiced faith for years.
Many voices: We come to worship One who is infinite;
we come because there is always more to learn.

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who come in search of hope.
Many voices: We gather in joyful anticipation;
we come to worship and to be inspired!

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
Text: Catherine Cameron, 1967
Music: Attr. William Moore, 1825
HOLY MANNA

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have conquered worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through uncharted realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Dennis Stockdale**

O God we confess that we sometimes don't know who you are. We confess that we sometimes don't know who we are. When faced with mystery – the mystery of your presence, the mystery of our lives – grant us courage to live the questions, and to practice our faith even when we don't have answers, especially when we don't have answers. Enable us to trade the need for certainty for the gift of wonder, the need to know for the gift of trust, the need to be right for the gift of loving and being loved in return. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer . . .*)

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THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE **THE P**

One voice: Hear the good news! The old life is gone, a new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
People: 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.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 19

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Genesis 1 (selected verses)

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"What If ?"

***HYMN 32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God "
Text: Isaac Watts, 1715
Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.* 1784
ELLACOMBE

***LITANY OF WELCOME AND COMMITMENT**
Rev. Dr. Shannon Spencer
Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life, WWC

One voice: Members of this church, will you greet the students who visit Warren Wilson Presbyterian with words of welcome? Will you invite them to join in the life of this community and to support its ministries? And will you receive them even as God in Christ has received you?

Many voices: We will.

One voice: Will you support students who do not visit this community, welcoming them to this campus and prayerfully encouraging them in their spiritual journeys, wherever that journey might take them?

Many voices: We will.

One voice: to students and members alike, as we share in the life of faith and discovery together, will you seek the way of Jesus—loving God, our neighbors and ourselves, making peace and doing justice, that God's reign might be realized on earth as it is in heaven?

All: We will seek to embody the ways of Jesus as we live together in community, welcoming all, united by God's Spirit in common work, fellowship and worship. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 749** "Come! Live in the Light!"
Text and Music: David Haas, 1988
WE ARE CALLED

***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: Dennis Stockdale
Elder of the Day: John Laney

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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: Kip Smith, Tacci's father; The Witherspoon family, on the loss of both Gene and Barbara; Pat Crumpler; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Gina Marvin; Bartley and Phyllis Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother and sister 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.

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,

WELCOMING THE STUDENTS Sunday, August 28th
The Church/College Relations Team plan to invite Warren Wilson students to Worship at 11 am and then Muffins, Baked Goods and Coffee at 12 pm on the church portico out in front of the church. We'd love to have church members make baked goods to share with the students and stay after church to socialize. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for items needed.

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS GAME It's back: one of our favorite family-friendly traditions! We've got twenty tickets reserved for the game on Friday, Sep. 2nd. First pitch is at 6:35. Fireworks to follow. Adults are $9.00. Children 16 and under are free. (Of course children of all ages are welcome!) Contact Susan Laney for ticket information.

OUTDOOR SERVICE Join us on September 4, at 11:00 am in the Pavilion on campus as we enjoy our annual Labor Day weekend outdoor service. This service is enjoyed by all in this beautiful outdoor setting!

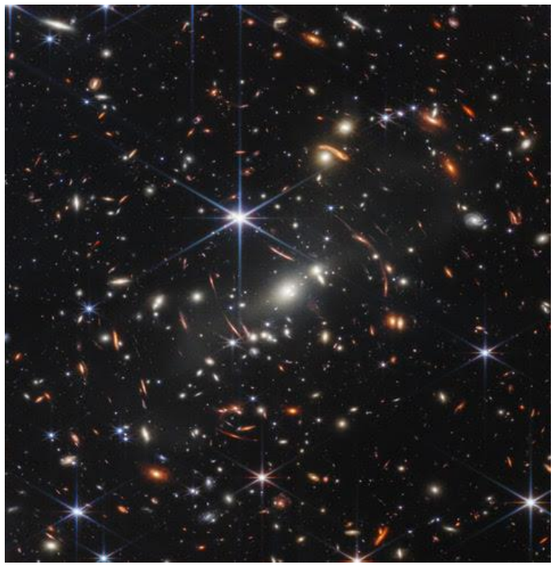
LITURGISTS We are looking for people who would like to be liturgists. If you are interested, call the church office, or email the church administrator at deagle@warren-wilson.edu. Thank you!

SVCM The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR is October 9. If you would like to walk, come to sit and visit, or make a contribution, see Allee Williams. Again this year, the funds raised will go for food, utilities, housing, and medical needs for our neighbors in the Swannanoa Valley. If you would like a t-shirt, we ask that you donate at least $10, due to the cost to SVCM for the shirts. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM, on Sunday, October 9, at First Baptist Church in Black Mountain.

FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED The apartment at Hope for Tomorrow, adopted by Warren Wilson, will be vacant in a few more weeks. Melissa and her three children have learned that they will have housing in the brand new Jasper Apartments (across from the Shell Station). This is a two-bedroom apartment, and we will need to furnish it to welcome a new family. If you have furniture you wish to donate, please contact Sarah Anne Eller or Corise Gambrell. SVCM operates the Hope for Tomorrow apartments to provide housing for homeless mothers and their children.

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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!