Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I felt my lungs inflate with the onrush of scenery—
air, mountains, trees, people.
I thought, "This is what it is to be happy."

Sylvia Plath

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE (Please enjoy the sounds of nature as you settle in)

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

One voice: On this day we gather in oneness
With our sisters and brothers to celebrate
God's good gifts.
Many voices: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits
And to receive strength for our common tasks.

One voice: On this day we will share the bread and wine,
Symbols of God's goodness and love.
Many voices: We will open our hearts to accept these gifts,
That we might be strengthened for the work
To which God calls us.

All: Let us worship god!

***HYMN** "Morning Has Broken"
Text: Eleanor Fargeon, 1931
Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, we are grateful this day for the gift of work. But we confess that we sometimes participate in systems that are not fair and just to workers; systems in which those who clean houses cannot buy their own homes; where those who grow food cannot afford to feed their families and eat their fill, where those who serve and care for others — in stores and schools, hotels and restaurants, hospitals and nursing homes -- are, themselves, not always adequately served and cared for. And so we pray for a world where all workers, everywhere, share in the abundance with which you have blessed us. *(Silent prayer…)*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE
One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.
Many voices: We are forgiven, we are set free.
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

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

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 104:24-35

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 14:25-33

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

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***LABOR DAY AFFIRMATION** (Unison)

We believe in God,
Whose breath gives energy for the struggle,
Whose power goes beyond human weakness.

We believe in Christ,
Whose solidarity accompanies all our trials,
Whose resurrection frees us to believe the impossible.

We believe in the Spirit,
Who liberates us from powerlessness
And brings us toward all truth.

We believe in the Triune God,
Whose grace upholds our being,
whose unity calls us to be the church ,
and whose work inspires us to labor on.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN** "Come to the Table of Grace"
Text and Music: Barbara Hamm, 2008
TABLE OF GRACE

1) Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2) Come to the table of peace…

3) Come to the table of love…

4) Come to the table of hope…

5) Come to the table of joy…

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
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** "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1981
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
To live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
And by your faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
The cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please enjoy the sounds of nature as you leave the outdoor service.

*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 Host: Susan Daugherty
Elder of the day: Susan Laney

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PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Gina Marvin; Barbara Howell and her husband Loren Gifford, Carla Greenfield's sister and brother in law; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Tim Joslin, Blake's brother; 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; ; 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 today but offering plates are available as you gather. Today we receive the Nickel a Meal offering. Look for the red baskets next to the offering plates.

CHOIR Adult choir has begun rehearsals at 7:30 PM. on Wednesday evenings in the chapel. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact joelprogers1967@gmail.com or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us for an Intergenerational Sunday School event on Sunday, September 11 from 9:45-10:45 to kick off the Program Year! All ages are invited to explore together what it means to be made in the image of the God who created us, claims us and loves us.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH On Tuesday, September 13, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. you are invited to participate in a search for the next president of Warren Wilson College. As the church plays a crucial roll on campus, the search firm Storbeck Search would like to hear from alumni, parents, and friends of the college. This virtual meeting will take place on Google Meet. To access the meeting, go to: https://meet.google.com/tbc-nkou-phx or dial: 1-812-727-7376, Pin: 188 539 292#

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA HEMPLEMAN There will be a Memorial Service for Barbara Hempleman at 10:00 a.m. on October 1, in the chapel. All are welcome to this celebration of life. A light reception will follow on the patio of Fellowship Hall.

CONCERT AND KITTREDGE RECITAL HALL DEDICATION Honoring the late Dr. Steven Williams. On October 1, from 11:30-1:00 in Kittredge Theater on campus, there will be a concert and dedication of the Dr. Steven Williams Recital Hall. The event is free, but space is limited so please contact the Advancement office on campus to RSVP for this event. advancement@warren-wilson.edu

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. The deadline for ordering t-shirts is September 17. Please contact Allee Williams or Corise Gambrell with your pledge and t-shirt order.

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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!