Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"A field is empty, but if you put in the effort to grow something then you will have a garden. And that's life. Give something, something will come back. Give nothing, nothing will come back. To grow a flower is a miracle: it means you can grow more. Remember that a flower is not just a flower, it is the start of a whole garden."

Eddie Jaku

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP **Jamie Dale**

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: Let us worship the One who calls us.

Many voices: Here we are,
Ready or not,
Called by the One
Who lived and died
And rose to live again among us.

One voice: Here we are,
Ready or not,
Bringing our everyday selves
To praise and to pray,
To know the Holy One
In the midst of our lives.

All: Let us worship the One who calls us.

***HYMN 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing "
Text: Robert Robinson, 1758
Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813
NETTLETON

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Donna Eagle Joslin**

Holy One,
You have called us by name. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember that we are yours – claimed, beloved and called.

And yet, we often fail to hear you clearly. We often hear only what we want to hear, follow only how we want to follow, and serve only how we want to serve. Forgive us, O God, for our selective hearing, and open unto us hearts to truly listen, so that we may respond with our whole selves as we proclaim, "Here I am, Lord, for your servant is listening!" Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One voice: Hear this good news – the ancient stories we share tell of God who forgives again, and again, and again.
This one who creatively finds new ways to reveal grace upon grace and love upon love.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE** "Together We Serve" verse 1

Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending God's love to the last and the least.

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

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 111

ANTHEM "Jesu, joy of man's desiring"
Music by J. S. Bach
Text by Martin Jahn

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd,
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Through the Way where Hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 3:1-20

THE SERMON **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

***HYMN 69** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
Text and Music: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
HERE I AM

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!

Source: United Church of Canada *New Creed* (1968)

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 547** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"
Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
Music: Welsh melody
AR HYDY NOS

***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: Donna Eagle Joslin
Coffee Hour Host: Susan & Derron Daugherty
Elders of the Day: The Daugherty's

WarrenWilsonPC
@WarrenWilsonPC
WarrenWilsonPresbyterianChurch

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: 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; 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 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, warrenwilsonchurch.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for Youth and Children has resumed. The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start our lessons at 9:45 in the downstairs youth room. We will have interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

united by love TOGETHER we serve

Its Stewardship Season: a time to celebrate the way we live, work, worship, and serve TOGETHER as a congregation. Christ's love inspires the resilience, the hope and the connection we experience. Now it's our turn to respond. You've received the Stewardship Ministry Team's emailed letter this past week (which includes a link to the budget.) It's an ambitious new challenge we face: an increase of 10% in our goal. Hard copies of the commitment letter, with a commitment form, are in the narthex today. You also have the option to easily and safely, make your commitment online via the link in the email, or from the website. Your commitment helps to support the mission of our church by funding the important programs and ministries we use to support our work in Christ's service TOGETHER.

TRUNK OR TREAT Save the Date for the return of our TRUNK OR TREAT! **Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the chapel parking lot.** We are looking for several volunteers to decorate their trunks and offer a treat to the kids of the church and community! There will be a sign-up sheet before and after worship to let us know you will participate.

SVCM RECEPTION Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry (SVCM) will be honoring retiring Director Cheryl Wilson with a **reception** at **Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**. If you, or anyone else in your church, would like to contribute food for the reception or make a donation towards a gift for Cheryl, please contact Renee Weaver (reneeweaver22@yahoo.com)
Thanks, SVCM Executive Committee

COVER IMAGE From Public Domain.

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church



October 23, 2022

Warren Wilson
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

101 Chapel Lane
Swannanoa, NC 28778
(828) 298-9092
www.warrenwilsonchurch.org

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!