Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

Martin Luther King Jr.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One: We gather to worship God,
All: Who creates us and loves us;

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
All: And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

One: We gather to worship God.
All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

***HYMN 408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Text and Music: Doris Akers, 1962
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

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

Most Holy and merciful God: we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncement, yet we cling to the privileges derived from social inequities. All too often we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Give us the courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Give us the grace to pay the prices for changing our behavior. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US 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 40:1-11

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 1:29-42

THE SERMON **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**
"What are You Looking For?"

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sharon Lytle
Natalie Daugherty

***HYMN 451** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
Text and Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895
OPEN MY EYES

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

I believe it is matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status, physical or mental capacity.

I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, and sacred, and to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God.
I believe Jesus Christ came to liberate all people and to make disciples – people willing to live Christ's way of love and justice for all.
I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.
Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy power of love. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 372** "O For a World"
Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin
Coffee Hour Host: Derron Daugherty
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

CHURCH STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery, Associate in Ministry
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
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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: Lee Dugger; Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bob & Janice Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's aunt and uncle; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Fred Porter & Fred Harvey, the Griswold's brothers-in-law; 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; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR LITURGY Credit: Presbyterian Mission Agency MLK Day Worship Resources

WELCOME BACK VIRGINIA! Our guest organist Virginia McKnight has degrees from Stetson University and Florida State University as well as a Certificate from the Neuchatel Conservatory in Neuchatel, Switzerland**.** She has made a career of collaborative piano including work at Yale University. Ithaca College, Cornell University and in New York City. Before moving to Asheville, Virginia taught and accompanied at Stetson University. In Asheville, She has worked as pianist at the Asheville Community Theater, Haywood Arts Repertory Theater, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, Mars Hill University, UNC Asheville, and Reynold's High School. Virginia is retired from her position of Organist and Music Director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, but continues to cover services when needed.

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 The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Our class will be discussing Brian McLaren's book, "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohamed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-faith World." We meet at 9:30 in the large classroom of the CE building.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR In this first quarter of the year, we are celebrating any congregant's birthday, anniversary, or any day that is a cause for celebration with cupcakes during the January 22nd coffee hour. Come and celebrate your special day!

HELP US CELEBRATE A special coffee hour will be held on January 29th to celebrate Sarah Grace and her family and to give thanks for her ministry to this church.

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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!