

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark.”

Helen Keller

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

Voluntary on *Lobe den Herren*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Leader: God summons us to wake up and see.
The Light has come to lead us on the path of life.

People: **We open our eyes in wonder.
We open our hearts in praise.**

Leader: Here the mundane becomes sacred.
Here we dine on holy food, the Bread of Life.

People: **The air around us, the air inside of us,
is filled with God’s presence.**

Leader: Here our wounds are cared for.
Here we are seen and loved for who we are.

All: **Let us worship the living God!**

*HYMN “We Come with Questions” (Please see insert)
LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Donna Eagle Joslin

Great and Good Shepherd, we thank you for finding us in the wilderness when we got lost. Thank you for bringing us here to this safe and holy place. We confess we sometimes like getting lost. We confess we sometimes prefer the darkness to the light, that we sometimes walk sightless among miracles. Use mud, use spit, use music, use preaching, use prayer, use whatever you like, whatever you need, to open our eyes to the miracle of your presence in our lives. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer . . .*)

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: God is ever willing to grant us forgiveness, but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. The promise of the gospel is this: if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

ALL: Believe the Good News: we are forgiven!

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

THE PSALM SUNG #803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
RESIGNATION

ANTHEM Blessed are the pure in heart Walford Davies

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT John 9:1-12

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

“It’s Not What You Look At”

*HYMN 314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness”
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**We believe in a merciful God,
a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.
We believe in a creative God,
a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.
We believe in a saving God,
a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.
What wondrous love is this! Amen.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 450 “Be Thou My Vision”
SLANE

*THE CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION (Sung by the choir)

The Grace by Richard Shepherd

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the holy Spirit
Be with us all evermore. Amen.*

During this time of Lent, we ask that you leave the sanctuary in meditative silence following the service.

*Please stand as you are able

Coffee Hour Host: Sharon Lytle
Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin
Elder of the Day: Beth Meriwether

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Frank W. Boles, Interim Director of Music
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper



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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 and family; Betty Smith; Bob Gambrell; Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bob & Janice Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's aunt and uncle; Jackie Wintle's cousin, Richard Taylor and her niece, Jessica Brown; 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 Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother in law; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Marjorie Hettrick; 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

FINISHING STRONG! Our Lenten educational series focused on preparing for life's final stages continues today. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship today for a discussion of Internment Options, with WWC professor Mallory McDuff, Author of "Our Last best Act". Following the discussion there will be a trip to our cemetery. A light lunch will be provided.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR LITURGY Parts of our liturgy today are drawn from a Lenten resource developed by the creative team from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING This special offering joins with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will be collecting this offering through Easter Sunday. If writing a check with your donation, please make it out to WWPC with OGHS on the memo line. Thanks in advance for your generous giving.

LILY ORDERS Order forms for Easter Lilies are attached to your bulletin. Please fill out the form and leave it with your payment in the large envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the Narthex. Make checks payable to WWPC with Lilies on the memo line. Ordering lilies is a great way to honor your loved ones on Easter morning, then take home and plant in your garden for years of blooms!

PALM SUNDAY We will meet in front of the Chapel at 10:55 on April 2 to gather our palms for the service. Then proceed into the Chapel, waving palm branches and leaving our palms on the steps of the Chancel before sitting down to enjoy the service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Join us on April 6 at 7:00 pm for this intimate service of prayer, music, and communion as we commemorate the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

EASTER BRUNCH Please sign up to bring breakfast items for our Easter brunch which will begin at 9:30 on Easter morning. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

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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!