Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day
April 9, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"This is the Easter message, that awakening is possible,
to the goodness of God, the sacredness of human life,
the sisterhood and brotherhood of all." Anne Lamott

ENTER IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

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

One voice: Christ is risen!
Many voices: He is risen indeed!

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All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Two resurrection hymns Ron Mallory
WWPC Handbell choir – Natalie Daugherty, Director

***HYMN 232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
EASTER HYMN

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)** **Diana Sanderson**

With thanksgiving, praise and joy we worship you, marvelous God. How glorious is this day of resurrection, this season of new life! How amazing is all your creation! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We *do* believe. We dare to trust. We commit ourselves to life, to faithfulness, to the joy of resurrection. In the name of the Risen One. Amen!

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

Trumpet voluntary in D Henry Purcell
Katiana Wilhelm on Trumpet

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Colossians 3:1-4

ANTHEM "Joy Is Come" By Andrew Carter

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
See the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen,
bursting from his prison.
Let the sound ring around, and the song now rebound:
Christ the Lord is risen!
Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking,
Satan's power shaking.
Let the song echo long, shout it loud, sing it strong:
Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
He endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing,
Faithful and unfailing.
Tidings tell, chant it well. Risen Christ in us dwell,
O'er the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring! Welcome, Lord, heaven's King.
Winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking,
And our spirits waking.
Praises flow, voices grow, sounding far
"Gloria in excelsis deo!'

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 20:1-18

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

"While It Was Still Dark"

***HYMN 246** "Christ Is Alive!"
TRURO

***THE EASTER AFFIRMATION (Unison)**

We believe in God.
Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness;
Who rolls away each stone of doubt;
Who surprises us with incredible gifts of family and friends, silence and laughter;
Who raises us from sadness and despair to the possibilities of blessing and joy.

We believe in Jesus,
Friend of the poor and searcher for the lost,
Who comes to us in our grief and longing, calls us by name and sends us on the paths of peace to speak of an awesome love that is not overcome by death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God,
Who fills our every breath with blessing;
Who guides us in the dark, beckons us to do good, speaks to us in dream and image, and watches over us with tender compassion.

We believe in this church, a community of love,
An instrument of God in this present moment, striving for justice,
Celebrating in joy, resisting despair, living in hope, praying for healing and forever proclaiming Good News of God's persistent
And redeeming love.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 233** "The Day of Resurrection!"
LANCASHIRE

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Toccata (from Symphony for Organ No. 5) Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand as you are able

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

Liturgist: Diana Sanderson
Easter Brunch Hosts: The Congregational Life Team
Coffee Hour Host: Jack Ballard
Elders of the Day: Susan 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: Arden Starnes and family, on the death of Danny; Pat Wilson on the death of her sister, Mary Rose; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Salyna Morgan; 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC We welcome Katiana Wilhelm on trumpet. Katiana, an accomplished trumpet player, attends Owen High School in Black Mountain.

EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 breakfast in Fellowship Hall
11:00 service in the Chapel
12:00 special Coffee Hour
12:15 Egg Hunt for youth. Meet on Fellowship Patio

IDEAS WELCOME! Just for Fun is a social gathering that focuses on fellowship and FUN! Ice Cream Sundae Stations, Game night, Talks about different countries or lands, dances, etc. The sky is the limit! This program will run through the church programmatic school year. Any ideas are welcome, please contact Susan Daugherty, Sharon Lytle, or Vicki Collins with your suggestions. Thank you!

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.

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 today, Easter Sunday. Please make checks out to WWPC with OGHS on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER LILIES If you ordered Easter lilies, you may take them home following the service today. Thank you for helping to brighten the sanctuary during our Easter service!

MOUNTAIN TERM AT WARREN WILSON COLLEGE The college is thrilled to announce that registration for Mountain Term courses this May is now open! These are week-long intensive adult short courses taught by Warren Wilson faculty on our beautiful campus just outside of Asheville, NC. This year's courses include topics in creative writing, blacksmithing, Appalachian studies, fiber arts, and fine woodworking. The priority registration deadline is April 15th, but courses may fill earlier.

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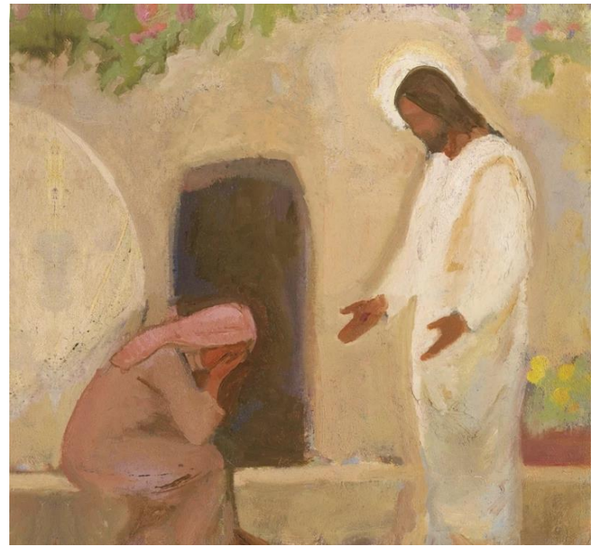

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!