

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 7, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“One thing God has been showing me is that I'm not called to save the world, just to point those He places in my life towards the right way.”*

J.R. Rim

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PRELUDE** Improvisation on the hymn tune, *Llanfair*

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

One voice: We come this day to worship together.  
We are hungry for truth, thirsty for love.

**Many voices: We come from the east and the west,  
from the north and the south, to gather at God's table.**

One voice: We gather together here in this place.  
We gather together in other places.

**Many voices: We join our hearts together across time  
We join our voices together across distance.**

One voice: We have come to sing and to pray,  
We have come to give and to receive.

**Many voices: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 33** “Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show”  
*LLANFAIR*

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)** **Pat Levi**

**O God, in this still-Easter season, we give you thanks that even as the world around us continues to change, you do not change. Your mercies are still new every morning; your steadfast love never ceases and your faithfulness to us endures forever. So may our faith remain green and vital, like the trees above us, and the flowers bursting to new life all around us. May our hope flourish like fields watered by spring rains. May our love grow rich and strong, like a holy vine, rooted in your very life. Through Christ we pray, amen.**

### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL

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

### A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 119:9-16

**ANTHEM** Bread of the World Richard Shephard

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By Whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in Whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token,  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.* Reginald Heber

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** John 14:1-14

**THE SERMON** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**  
*“You're Not Alone”*

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

**We are a community of faith.  
We share a vision of God,  
whose spirit is love,  
who is accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,  
We search for answers to who God is calling us to be,  
and what God is calling us to do,  
in sacred stories that have been passed down to us through time.  
We tell them again and again:**

**Stories of God the Creator, the Almighty,  
who made everything that is,  
and saw that it was good.**

**We believe Jesus show us the Way to abundant life:  
to love God with our whole being;  
to love our neighbors as ourselves;  
to treat others as we would have them treat us;  
to strive for justice and peace;  
to have respect and compassion for every person  
and for the whole of creation;  
to forgive those who do us harm;**

**We journey together on this Way.  
We break bread together,  
we pray together,  
we rejoice and we grieve together.  
This is our community.  
This is our faith.  
This we believe.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**\*THE INVITATION**

**\*HYMN 503** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”  
*O QUANTA QUALIA*

### 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 (Unison)

**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 240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”  
*ALLELUIA NO. 1*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary of *Llanfair*

\*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:** Pat Levi

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Susan D. & Friends

**Elder of the Day:** Kay Stockdale



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### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshipping 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; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; 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; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother; the family of Bob Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's uncle, on his death; 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; 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 [www.warrenwilsonchurch.org](http://www.warrenwilsonchurch.org).

**PERSONNEL REVIEW TEAM** -- The Administration Ministry Team named Bob Gambrell, Sharon Lytle, Ken Murchison, and Jim Storey as the action team to prepare the annual review for the church staff. To complete its work, the team needs input from the entire congregation. Please share with the team your words of praise for the work our staff have done in the past year and your suggestions as to how we can improve our ministry in the future. You may send your responses to Jim Storey by email at [jstorey57@gmail.com](mailto:jstorey57@gmail.com), by mail to the church office, or by delivery to the AMT mailbox in the office. Please submit your responses to the team before the end of May so it can complete its report for the Session in a timely matter.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** On May 21 following our service, we'll meet on the Patio of Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social! Join us for some ice cream and fun on the patio. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Team.

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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!*