Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences."

Eleanor Roosevelt

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: For the music of our world,
The divine song that sings through all creation,
Many voices: **God our Creator, we praise you**.

One voice: For the beauty of our world
The wonders that surround us in all directions,
Many voices: **God our Creator, we praise you.**

One voice: For the wonder of our world,
The gift of life itself,
Many voices: **God our Creator, we praise you.**

All: **Let us worship God, our Creator.**

***HYMN 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Donna Eagle Joslin**

Gracious God, if we were the birds of the air, we would not worry. We would take wing and fly. If we were the lilies of the field, we would not be anxious. We would take root and bloom. But that is not who we are, nor the carefree world in which we live. And so we confess that we do worry, and that we are sometimes anxious, about our health and our money, about our country and our world, about our families and our future. Deliver us from our fears, O God, and center us in our faith, that our lives might overflow with hope and peace. Through Christ we pray (silent prayer…)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One voice: Friends, hear the good news!
When we falter and tumble when we get in over our head
When we make a wrong turn
God picks us up, lifts us out and turns us around.
We can never sink so deep that God cannot bring us back to the surface.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

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

HYMN 653 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 107
"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"
MORNING SONG

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 6:24-34

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Free as a Bird"

***HYMN 436** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"
O QUANTA QUALIA

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

I believe God creates the world and all therein good,
even very good,
no matter how far from that goodness human beings wander;
I believe Love casts out fear,
and that living with compassion is the path to joy;
I believe Gratitude threads all of the connections in the web of life;
I believe Wisdom dwells among us,
embodying both divine insight and human intellect;
I believe Hope banishes cynicism,
always drawing us toward a creative future;
I believe Awe opens us to an awakened life
that reaches out to the world to restore and save;
I believe Justice flows all around us,
like a healing river;
I believe God has the final say in life;
that love, not death, is our final destiny.
And so, I believe in the end all shall be well.
This I believe.

From: Credo, a Litany of Grace by Diana Butler Bass (adapted)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 623** "I've Got Peace like a River"
PEACR LIKE A RIVER

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*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: Donna Eagle Joslin
Coffee Hour Hosts: Janice Collins & Jim Storey
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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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: Jack Ballard, on the death of his friend Debbie Morgan; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Salyna Morgan; Bob Gambrell; Fran Roberts; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother; Jackie Wintle's cousin, Richard Taylor and her niece, Jessica Brown; 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, 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.

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM To all gardeners, and landscape enthusiasts! We would love your input on what you might want to see planted in the area to the right of the steps in front of the chapel. If you have ideas, a drawing, or would like to join the team, please contact the church office. All ideas are welcome!

CHURCH EMAIL If you have signed up to get emails from the church and are not receiving them, it may be that they are getting diverted to your spam filter. Check there, and you should be able to just click to indicate you wish to receive them. If you are not getting emails from the church and would like to be included on our distribution list, please call or email the church office. Thank you!

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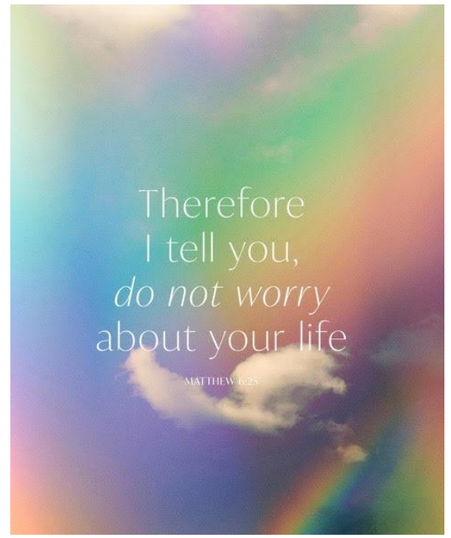

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces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