Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"It is not enough just to follow your heart. Use it in every breath and in each step. Meet and greet everyone with it. Put it into all you do, every dish you eat and all you create. Then your life and those of those you come into contact with will be truly rich - beyond material and transient things."

Rasheed Ogunlaru

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Leader: We are God's work of art--each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.
People: We are God's handiwork--woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

Leader: We are the church of Jesus Christ--diverse in human qualities, united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself.
People: We are the Body of Christ--living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love in the world he loved so much.

Leader: We are here to be reminded once more who we are, and whose we are; what our lives are about and what are called to make of them.
People: We are here to be lifted, renewed, and strengthened to live out our calling by the power of God working among us.

All: Let us worship God!

David Inglis (adapted)

***HYMN 667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
LAUDES DOMINI

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Rodney Lytle**

Holy One, we confess this morning that we sometimes feel not so much like seeds ready to burst into life but like empty husks spent of life. When we are tempted to believe we are used up, or useless, forgive us. When we are tempted to close our ears and our hearts to your voice, and the voice of our neighbors, have mercy on us. When we doubt the gifts you have bestowed upon us, set us free to bloom and grow. 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 74 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 126
"When God Restored Our Common Life"
RESIGNATION

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 4:11-16

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Your Turn"

***HYMN 410** "God Is Calling through the Whisper"
W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

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

We are a community of faith.
We share a vision of God,
whose nature 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 Jesus of Nazareth,
Who came to preach Good News to the poor,
And who showed us the way of love and peace.
Stories of the Spirit,
who filled the disciples with power,
and who gives us strength
to do God's work in the world.
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 PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 547** "Go My Children, with My Blessing"
AR HYDY NOS

***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: Rodney Lytle
Coffee Hour Host: Emily Pulsifer
Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty

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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: Jan Wolfe and family, on the death of her sister Susan; Jack Ballard, on the death of his friend Debbie Morgan; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Salyna Morgan; 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.

GUEST MUSICIAN We welcome Ted Stewart as our guest organist today. Ted retired to Swannanoa in 2016 after 40 years of music making in Independence, MO. He served there and in Kansas City as music director at Immanuel Lutheran Church, many years as an organ recitalist at the Auditorium, leader in the American Guild of Organist Chapter (from which he holds the Associate AGO certificate) and being a Board member, director and teacher at Music/Arts Institute. He has been happy to continue playing as a substitute church organist in the Asheville area. His early organ study was at Ohio State University, Southern Illinois University and post graduate work at the University of Kansas. In Swannanoa he is HOA Board President for the nearby Craggy View Cottages and is happy to get acquainted with Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.

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.

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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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!