Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Those who are difficult to love, are difficult to love because they have gone through difficult things which have made them the way they are. What you need to do is to forgive, what they need is your love."

Jeanette Coron

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Leader: Come burdened, come savvy;
Come aging, come discouraged.
People: We have come to sing and to pray.

Leader: Come wanting, come waiting;
Come full, come longing.
People: We have come to worship and rejoice.

Leader: Come drifting, come aimless;
Come hopeful, come hopeless.
People: We have come to lay our burdens down.

Leader: Come thankful, come joyful.
Come, all you people of God, come!
All: Let us worship God!

(Adapted from Katherine Hawker, *Liturgy Outside*)

***HYMN 727** (verses 1-3) "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"
THE SERVANT SONG

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Pat Levi**

In your presence, O God, we mourn the divisions that mark our lives and the life of the world. We confess our grief over the ways the world has changed in our time, and the fear we feel in the face of such changes. In Christ you have reconciled all humanity and dismantled the divisions of race, class, and creed. Forgive us when we undue that Divine work, and renew our commitment to resume the ministry given to us by Jesus. *(Silent prayer....)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)**
One voice: Please know this in your heart.
Many voices: We are accepted, we are welcomed.
We are forgiven, we are set free.
In the love of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever!

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

HYMN 42 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 145
"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"
WINCHESTER NEW

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:43-48

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Anything But That"

***HYMN 693** "Though I May Speak"
GIFT OF LOVE

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**
We believe in God who created everything there is.
We believe in Jesus, and in his whole life—
his teachings and ministry,
his humanity and divinity, his death and resurrection.
We believe in the Spirit, whom God sent to fill us
and empower us to be God's co-workers.
We believe in one human family, learning to live together
in humility and patience.
We believe in God's dream for the world, where everyone is loved,
welcomed and accepted.
We believe in one law, the law that Jesus taught,
the law that binds us all together and sets us free,
the law of Love.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 727** (verses 4-6) "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"
THE SERVANT SONG

***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: Pat Levi
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jackie Wintle, Betty Siviter, Joyce Cucinella
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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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: 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.

RETURNING GUEST ORGANIST Virginia McKnight has degrees from Stetson University and Florida State University as well as a Certificate from the Neuchatel Conservatory in Neuchatel, Switzerland**.** She has made a career of collaborative piano including work at Yale University. Ithaca College, Cornell University and in New York City. Before moving to Asheville, Virginia taught and accompanied at Stetson University. In Asheville, she has worked as pianist at the Asheville Community Theater, Haywood Arts Repertory Theater, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, Mars Hill University, UNC Asheville, and Reynold's High School. Virginia is retired from her position of Organist and Music Director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, but continues to cover services when needed.

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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Session has called a congregational meeting, following worship today, Sunday July 9, for the purpose of electing this year's Nominating Committee for next year's elder class, and to concur with Steve Runholt's request to Presbytery that the pastoral relationship be dissolved on Sunday, December 31st.

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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!