Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
"Home is where you go to find solace from the ever changing chaos, to find love within the confines of a heartless world, and to be reminded that no matter how far you wander, there will always be something waiting when you return." Kendal Rob

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: We are all one family.
Many voices : We are all one family, made in the image of God.

One voice: Vəghəŋ dì' tò ngwà' mù. (Babanki)
Many voices: We come from many different places.

One voice: Nokuti tose tiri mhuri imwechete. (Shona)
Many voices: We share in the same dreams.

One voice: Kulluna a'eelatun Wahida. (Arabic)
Many voices: We are sisters and brothers, from around the world.

One voice: We are all one family.
Many voices: Together, we are on one journey of faith, united in love, committed to peace, gathered now to worship the living God.

***HYMN 509** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
HOLY MANNA

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

Creator God, we give thanks today for what this day means, so many different things to so many different people. On this Homecoming weekend, we give thanks for this wonderful college, and for this beautiful Chapel, for what they have meant to so many students over the years; for what they continue to mean to members of this church family and to generations of alumni. On this World Communion Sunday, we give thanks for the wider Christian community, a family of faith that encompasses so many vibrant traditions, stretching around the world. O God of all times and all places, thank you for this day, for this place, and for these special celebrations. Amen.

***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 385 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 100
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
OLD HUNDREDTH

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 24:13-35

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Coming Home"

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**
We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 529** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
UNION SEMINARY

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

PRAYER

***HYMN 749** "Come! Live in the Light!"
WE ARE CALLED

***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
Homecoming Potluck: Congregational Life Team
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: Steve White, friend of Beth Meriwether; Derron Daugherty and family, on his accident; Dolores Coulter, Derron's sister: Beth Newman; 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 sister, Judy Reynolds; 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.

HOMECOMING POTLUCK October 1st is our Homecoming Potluck! Please join your past friends you haven't seen for awhile, and new friends you haven't met yet! The Potluck is today after the church service in Fellowship Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING The peace of Christ belongs to everyone…everywhere. This offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. 25% of this offering stays in our local community, 25% goes to mid council to join in peacemaking projects regionally, and 50% supports work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. We will collect this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1, and on the following Sunday, October 8. Please make donations out to WWPC with Peace and Global Witness on the memo line.

HABITAT HELPERS NEEDED - Work on this year's House of Faith has started, and WWPC has volunteer spaces reserved for Saturday, Oct. 21 (8:15 - 3:00) and Friday Nov. 10 (8:15 - noon). If you have questions about this, would like to sign up, or ask about helping other dates please contact Larry Griswold at larrygris@gmail.com of 575-2020.

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR The SVCM Walk for Your Neighbor is Sunday, October 7. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM at First Baptist in Black Mountain. The information and sign-up sheet are on the table in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE WWPC welcomes David LaMotte to preach for our worship service on October 15. Please join us for a pizza and salad lunch after worship to hear David introduce his book, You Are Changing the World, whether you like it or not. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to assure we can place our order accurately.

CHURCH PARKING LOT Due to a large number of vehicles on campus this year, we are in the middle of discussions with campus security about how best to make sure we have spaces for our church functions. If you see cones blocking the parking lot on the weekend, they are there to make sure church members have spaces to park.

PASTORAL TRANSITION INFORMATION SESSION Join us after the Service on Sunday, October 22, 2023 for a Congregation Information Session with Presbytery representatives, Rev. Schaap Freeman and Committee on Ministry members. The pastoral transition process will be explained, along with the status of our effort. It will also be presented as a Live-Stream event via the Church's YouTube site. Coffee Hour/Refreshments will follow in the Church Parlor.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO IS PARTICIPATING!
Participants in today's service:
Lois Akundo, WWC '22
Munashe Matumbi, WWC '23
Hullibutton Chinyama, WWC '23
Adeeb Sayyar, WWC '73
Alex Curcio, WWC '23
Rodney Lytle, WWC '73
Rev. Dr. Kathryn Johnson Cameron, WWC '75;
Presbyterian representative to WWC Board of Trustees.

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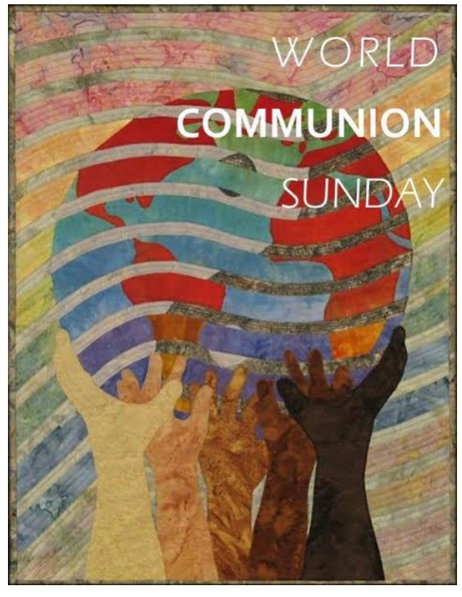

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces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