Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I learned both what is secret and what is manifest,
for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me.

Wisdom of Solomon 7:21,22

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: Come, travelers, that Christ may meet us on life's road,
And journey with us as we look for home.
Many voices: God is always with us, nearer than our next breath.
We gather to become more aware of that presence.

One voice: Come, seekers, that you may find home here,
A safe place to share your burdens
and live your questions.
Many voices: God is present in our struggles and our longings;
We shall give voice to our hopes and dreams.

One voice: Come all who are hungry, that you may be fed,
Nourished not just with bread but with love.
Many voices: God has given us the Bread of Life!
We shall eat and be filled!

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 664** "Morning Has Broken"
BUNESSAN

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Don Collins**

Here, O God, in this sacred place our time, our attention, our hearts are yours. In Word and song we feel new energy to love, a new commitment to serve your reign of hope and peace and justice. In silence, we are filled with an awareness of your presence and of new possibilities. We confess that in between times, in the outside places, in the rough and tumble of the wider world, we sometimes falter. We doubt. We lose hope. We surrender our joy. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our resolve that we might live our faith more fully day to day, week to week, year to year. Through Christ we pray (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 652 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 111
"A Grateful Heart"
ROCKINGHAM

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Ecclesiastes 3 (Selected verses)

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"What Time is It?"

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

We believe that the horizons of hope are never fixed.
They always move beyond our understanding,
in the creativity of God.
We believe that the powers of evil cannot kill God.
God walks on freely and leaps ahead of us,
in the risen Christ of faith.
We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.
She dances throughout the world,
and is found in surprising places,
including this place.
We believe that as Christ's disciples,
We are called to walk together in love,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
and to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 507** "Come to the Table of Grace"
TABLE OF GRACE

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 250** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"
PROMISE

***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

Coffee hour host: Sally Broughton
Liturgist: Don Collins
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: 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.

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.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF MAUI As it always does when catastrophe strikes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has already begun responding to the needs of the survivors of the wildfires in Hawai'i. (Fires are also burning on the island of Hawai'i—the Big Island — just a little southeast of Maui). Initial needs during the emergency response phase of the recovery effort include: food, clean water, shelter, and sanitation and hygiene products. You may write your check to Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, just note "Maui fire relief" on the memo line and 100% of your donation will go to PDA. You may also give directly to PDA, which you can access through the PC(USA) website at pcusa.org.

HONORING GINA We offer the last hymn today, In the Bulb There is a Flower, in memory of Gina Marvin and in celebration of her long life of love, generosity and faithfulness.

HANDBELLS Seeking new handbell choir members! Do you enjoy hearing the bells and want to come try your hand at playing? Have you played before and want to rejoin? This year, I'd like to do some more short term, small, handbell groupings and accompany the choir or other instruments. These would be a month or less and meet to practice once a week. If you'd like to join the larger and more consistent bell choir, we'd love to have you as well! Email Natalie Daugherty at forestchick07@gmail.com or text/call.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Looking for Youth Sunday School helpers and teachers! While we work on hiring an Associate, who typically teaches our children's Sunday School, we are looking for volunteers to teach one or more Sundays this Fall. Helpers, who may not want to teach, but enjoy spending time with the children, are also needed for Sunday School. A lesson and Activity/craft suggestions and materials are provided. Helpers assist with crafts and activities as well as help fulfill a very important part of our Child Protection Policy. Let Natalie Daugherty know by phone or email if you are interested in helping out!

RAFTING TRIP Join us in a half day rafting trip on the French Broad, Monday, Oct. 2 from 2 PM----, Cost $60 per person. If you are not going, perhaps make a contribution to help others. 8 years old and up. You do not have to be experienced. Fun, beautiful trip. Sign up today, I need a count by Sunday, September 17.

HABITAT HELPERS NEEDED - Work on this year's House of Faith in Arden is starting soon and WWPC has volunteer spaces reserved for Friday, Sept. 29 (8:15 - noon) and Saturday, Sept. 30 (8:15 - 3:00). No special skills are needed, only a willingness to help. If you have questions about this or would like to sign up 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.

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. We are still working on solutions for weekday meetings etc.

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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!