Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding." Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP **Jackie Wintle**
Sally Broughton

THE PRELUDE Adagio in A Minor J. S. Bach

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

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

One voice: We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, united in our call to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as our self.
Many voices: We are the Body of Christ—committed to practicing his way of love and peace.

One voice: We are here to be reminded once more of who we are, and whose we are.
Many voices: 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.

By David Inglis (adapted)

***HYMN 800** "Sometimes a Light Surprises"
SALLEY GARDENS

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In your presence, O God, we mourn the divisions that continue to mark our lives and the life of the world. We confess our grief over the animosity playing out between neighbors; our sorrow over the harm members of the human family do to one another. Forgive us when we ourselves stray from Jesus' way of love and peace, and renew our commitment to the work of reconciliation to which you call us. 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.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Luke 10:25-37

THE SERMON **David Lamotte**
"Breaking the Rules"

***HYMN 774** "There Is Now a New Creaiton"
STUTTGART

***LITANY FOR PEACE (Responsive)**

One: From words and deeds that provoke discord, prejudice and anger,
Many: O God, deliver us.

One: From commitments that stand in the way of reconciliation,
Many: O God, deliver us.

One: From stereotypes we apply to people we who are different from us,
Many: O God, deliver us.

One: From the tight grip in which our fears often keep us.
Many: O God, deliver us.

One: O God, renew our faith that harmony is possible.
Many: And use us as instruments of your peace.

One: Where there is hatred,
Many: Let us sow love.

One: Where there is injury,
Many: Let us show pardon.

One: Where there is darkness.
Many: **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

One: And where there is sadness.
All: Let is spread your joy.
Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 372** "O for a World"
AZMON

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Allegro from Symphony No. 3 William Boyce

*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: Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt
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; 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.

STEWARDSHIP Sometimes A Light Surprises – Stewardship and You Today marks the beginning of our season of stewardship. Each week will focus on a goal in our Ministry Plan. Today's moment for stewardship highlights the work of adult and children's education ministries. Later this week, you'll receive stewardship information in your email inbox. Next Sunday the Stewardship Team will distribute hardcopies before and after worship in the narthex. There will be no coffee hour today as our adult education ministry team will be hosting a pizza and salad lunch. Please join us there to hear David LaMotte introduce his book.

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, and throughout the month of October. Please make donations out to WWPC with Peace and Global Witness on the memo line.

WELCOME DAVID LAMOTTE The son, grandson, and brother of Presbyterian ministers, David LaMotte has spent his career as a songwriter, speaker, and author. In 2008, he suspended his music career for two years to pursue his other primary vocation by accepting a Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study International Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. He has spoken at the Scottish Parliament, at the PC(USA) Mission to the United Nations and was a baccalaureate speaker for Columbia Seminary. His latest book, *You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It Or Not*, was released by Chalice Press in July.

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 on other dates please contact Larry Griswold at larrygris@gmail.com of 575-2020.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT It's time again to decorate your car, dress up (if you want), and hand out candy to our youth, college friends, and community children! On Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., we will hold Trunk or Treat in the chapel parking lot. If you plan on decorating/handing out candy from your car, please sign up in the Narthex so we can make sure there is plenty of room. Set up will begin at 2:00 P.M. with all cars being ready by 2:45. P.M. This is a great community event, and is much looked forward to every year. We hope to see you there!

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.

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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!