

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent



Preparation for Worship:

Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope.
But that means you must be people of the present, you must live this moment—really live it, not just endure it—because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, *because* of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ.

Walter J. Burghardt

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Anne Dale

One Great Hour of Sharing

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Gambrell

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

*CONFESSION (Unison)

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Life-giving God,

We measure our offerings with such careful hands

—as though fear ruled our lives.

You came among us to offer another way.

Like a seed that would not be contained,

the grave could not hold your love.

Have your way with us now,

for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting.

(silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

...In the name of Jesus, God's love incarnate, let us declare:

Our stories are known; our sins are forgiven;

our work has just begun.

***HYMN 437**

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”
WAYFARING STRANGER

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

THE ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love”

Charles Dupree

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on.*

SECOND READING

John 3:14-21

SERMON

Margaret LaMotte Torrence
“Snake Stories”

***HYMN 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION (Unison)**

Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 546**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
SICILIAN MARINERS**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able**

CHURCH STAFF

**Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper**

**Coffee Hour Hosts: Betty Siviter, Joyce Cucinella
Liturgist: Bob Gambrell
Elder of the Day: Jim Storey**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel.

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: John Bishop and family, on his mother Flo's death; Winn Legerton and family, on Fitz's death; Martha Dugger; Beth Newman; Darrell Spencer, receiving hospice care; Vernon Daugherty, Sr., Derron's father; Salyna Morgan; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother; Pat Crumpler; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Jon Hettrick and his family; Marjorie Hettrick; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

MID-WEEK COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES This week's service will be at noon on Wednesday, March 13 at First Christian Church in Black Mtn. Please make sure to pick up a Weekly Lenten Service schedule from the table in the Narthex.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. WWPC will receive this special offering through Easter on March 31. Please give as generously as you are able. You may make a note that the gift is for the One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line of your check, or you may give online.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WWC Work Day Fence Project
The Construction Crew and Athletic Department on campus are hoping to build a fence on WWC Work Day in April to prevent soccer and lacrosse balls from getting lost in the briars between the fields and the tennis courts. We are looking to raise \$2,000 to purchase the materials needed to put up a 4-foot-tall chain-link fence. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks out to WWPC with "Fence Project" on the memo line, or you can reach out to Doug Bradley at dbradley@warren-wilson.edu.

SUNDAY MARCH 17 The Spiritual Life Crew of Warren Wilson College, along with Chaplain and Spiritual Life Director Shannon

Spencer, will lead our 11:00 worship on this fifth Sunday in Lent. Come and be blessed by the gifts God has planted in these students' hearts.

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 10:55 Our Palm Sunday worship will begin outside the chapel as we gather palms and then process in to worship. Palm Sunday begins in jubilation, but before the morning is over, we will have begun to consider what the rest of the week will hold, and so this day has come to be known as Palm/Passion Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 We will gather in the chapel to share communion and meditate on a love that knows no bounds.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 12:00 in Montreat The depth of joy we discover on Easter morning is tied intimately to our willingness to encounter the suffering of the cross. All are invited to an ecumenical service in Upper Anderson Auditorium at noon.

EASTER DAY, MARCH 31, 9:30 BRUNCH Bring a dish to share and come celebrate with your church family, as we gather in and around the Fellowship Hall.

11:00 WORSHIP Our celebration of the resurrection will take place in the chapel at 11:00. We will share communion, be led in worship by the choir, and be blessed by the sound of our newly refurbished bells!

12:00 EASTER EGG HUNT Following worship, there will be an Easter egg hunt on the lawn! If you don't have a basket, one will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP However you found us, we are glad you are here. If you are this loving community, you may contact Margaret at interested in joining 828-298-9092, or MLTorrence@warren-wilson.edu .



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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!