Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Barbara Griswold**
Psalm 27:1, 4, 8-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in God's temple.

'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!'
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.

***HYMN 35** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"
LOBE DEN HERREN

***CONFESSION (Unison)** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Faithful God,
The world aches for healing as
weapons fire,
children waste,
leaders posture,
borders close,
ice melts.
We, who bear your name, often look away.

In mercy and power, move in our midst.
Help us fill the sunken places
and level what is proud
until your glory is revealed to all creation.

(silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)**

…In the name of Jesus, God's zealous son, 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

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL
Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 10:12-19; 12:20, 23-25

THE ANTHEM O Lamb of God
Richard Shephard

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me,
Now in my Heart, I give myself to thee.

Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise,
That we may come to love you all our days,

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord;
That we would hold thy wondrous Name adored.

SECOND READING John 2:13-22

SERMON Margaret LaMotte Torrence
"Turning the Tables"

***HYMN 5** "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"
JENNINGS-HOUSTON

***AFFIRMATION (Unison)** **A Declaration of Faith**

The church's story with God did not end
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.
Across the centuries the company of believers
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.

We confess we are heirs of this whole story.
We are charged to remember our past,
to be warned and encouraged by it,
but not to live it again.

Now is the time of our testing
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.
We are called to live now as God's servants
in the service of people everywhere.

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Table Prayer:
Holy One,
In beginnings beyond our remembering…

Breath of Life,
be known to us in the breaking of this bread,
spill again your life into this cup.
Fill your people,
until we breathe as one, saying:

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.

Sung response (533):
In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in the Presence at this table

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

Prayer of Response

God of all compassion,
you have fed us with the love of your son,
you have bound us to each other.
Now teach us to live as he lived,
serving the world in your name. Amen.

***HYMN 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
HYFRYDOL

***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: Sally Broughton & Toby Ives
Liturgist: Barbara Griswold
Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty

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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; Vernon Daugherty, Sr., Derron's father; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; 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.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES Please make sure to pick up a Weekly Lenten Service schedule from the table in the Narthex. In addition to the schedule, it contains information on where donations will be going this year.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE A service giving thanks to God for the life of Fitz Legerton will be held in our chapel on Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.
In life and death, we belong to God.

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

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(Check the insert for more announcements.)

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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!

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Preparation for worship

I have a need
of such a clearance
as the Saviour effected in the temple of Jerusalem
a riddance of the clutter
of what is secondary
that blocks the way
to the all-important central emptiness
which is filled
with the presence of God alone.

Jean Danielou 1905-1974