

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church



April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday in Easter

Preparation for Worship

From the age of six to fourteen I took violin lessons but had no luck with my teachers, for whom music did not transcend mechanical practicing. I really began to learn only after I had fallen in love with Mozart's sonatas. The attempt to reproduce their singular grace compelled me to improve my technique. I believe, on the whole, that love is a better teacher than sense of duty.

Albert Einstein

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Embedded in my heart is a melody.
I hear it now and again, faintly.
It disturbs my quest for power with hints of grace.
It haunts my dreams of control with intimations of selflessness.
It stays my hand lifted in anger
And softens my chest tight with rage.
It whispers to me of justice,
And sings to me of compassion.

**It is the song of God and I shall sing it yet.
But not alone.
We each bear the song
And someday we will sing it together in harmony.
On that day the mountains of discord will melt before us;
Idols of ego, tribe, and boundary will shatter,
And together we will sing the world awake.**

*HYMN 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun
DUKE STREET

*CONFESSION

**God of abundance:
of wedding wine
and swollen nets
and baskets full after all have eaten,
show yourself to us when we come up empty,
when the ways we know are not enough.**

**Yoke us to your heart
until we love without measure.**

Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...in the name of Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
let us declare:

**Our stories are known; our sins are forgiven;
our work has just begun.**

***RESPONSE (Hymn 582)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 John 3:1-2

ANTHEM

I Love You, O My God Most High

David Hogan

*I love you, O my God most high, For first your love has captured me;
I seek no other liberty: Bound by your love, I shall be free.*

*All mine is yours: say but the word, Say what you will it shall be done;
I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone.*

*May memory no thought suggest But shall to you pure glory tend,
May understanding fine no rest, Except in you, its only end.*

*Apart from you, nothing can be, So grant me this my only wish,
To love you, Christ, eternally, You give me all in giving this.*

SECOND READING

John 21:1-19

SERMON

Margaret LaMotte Torrence
“After Breakfast”

***HYMN 720**

“Jesus Calls Us”
GALILEE

***AFFIRMATION (Responsive)**

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God’s love was revealed among us in this way:

**God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 246**

“Christ Is Alive”
TRURO

***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

Liturgist: Don Collins
Coffee hour host: Anne Dale
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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Call to Worship by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro, Accidental Grace:
Poetry, Prayers, and Psalms*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping 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.

OFFERING Plates are available just inside the doors to the sanctuary as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: our open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we intend to share with the world, and our willingness to live in a world as advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The money we bring symbolizes the offering of our lives in all circumstances.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office (298-9092). *Recently updated entries are in italics.*

(We'll plan to leave celebrations listed for four Sundays—please call the church office if you'd like to add something!)

We celebrate...

• that **Beth Newman** has returned to Asheville! For now, she and Brownie expect to make weekly trips back to Northside Hospital in Atlanta on Sunday/Monday, but she is delighted to be easing back into rhythms at home; • that **Rebecca Hettrick** has moved into her own place on campus! You can drop her a note at 110 A North Lane Swannanoa, NC 28778; • the wedding of **Rachel Sparling's granddaughter, Lilac**. Lilac and Eli were married on March 30; • Donna saw a **Bald Eagle** in a tree across the road from her house on April 7; • the donation of more than **35 lbs of soap to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries (SVCM)**, made possible by your generosity! • the vital ministry of members during tax season, as **Janice Collins, Mary Craig, Tom Eller, Sarah Anne Eller, and Ken Murchison** provided free tax preparation services to community members in need!

We remember in prayer: **Jackie Ligon Cole; Pat Crumpler; Will Dale** (Jamie's brother), anticipating cardiac bypass surgery in April, following lung cancer surgery in late February; **Vernon Daugherty, Sr.** (Derron's father); **Martha Dugger; Rick Garrison; Houston Huggins** (Beth Meriwether's brother); **Erika Lytle; Salyna Morgan**, recovering from an infection in her bloodstream; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, **Linda Briggs; Jon Hettrick** and his family; **Marjorie Hettrick**; Allyson Hettrick's mother, **Sylvia Revis**, as she recovers from a fall in assisted living; **Kim Reece** (daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison); **Shane Reece** (Nancy Garrison's son); Pat Wilson's son, **Kell**.

TODAY

Sunday, April 14: We'll have lunch together in the fellowship hall following the service, as we learn from **Dr. Jeff Keith's re-examination of the history of Warren Wilson College**. Dr. Keith's work is funded by a Lilly Endowment grant.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday April 21: Please make plans to attend the luncheon kick-off of "**Holy Conversations,**" the **Mission Study** that will inform our path forward, and ultimately guide our search for a new pastor. **Congregational participation is crucial as we seek to answer these vital questions: Who are we? What is God calling us to be and do? Who Is our neighbor?** We will provide the food; all that you need to do is to come ready to listen and engage with others who care about this worshipping community and its ministry in the world. (**You do not need to be an official "member" to participate in this process—if you have interest in this community, we'd love for you to come!**)

RSVP: Please let us know that you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby, or you may respond online, or by emailing or calling the church office.

If you plan to come on April 21, please let us know by **Wed., April 17**.

Next week we will welcome the **Rev. Brian Combs, founding pastor of downtown Asheville's Haywood Street Congregation**, an urban ministry whose mission is described as "Relationship, Above All Else." Brian is a graduate of N.C. State and Emory University but knows that his most formative education

has come from encountering the living Christ among the most cast aside and dismissed members of our society. Learn more here: <https://haywoodstreet.org>. Brian will preach and Margaret will lead the liturgy,



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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!*