Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

June 30, 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost



As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.

Denise Levertov

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pat Levi

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning,
for you hear us when we cry.
So we will praise you and will not be silent.

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

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God before whom no secrets are hid,
we confess that we stop seeing the neighbors
who hemorrhage with need, year after year.
We grow tired of persistent problems;
we learn to keep our distance.

God before whom no secrets are hid,
we also acknowledge
that it is hard to share our own struggles
with grief and alienation, with fear and doubt.
The world is quick to judge,
and slow to welcome.

God before whom no secrets are hid,
In Jesus, you moved among us,
sensing our losses,
lending your strength.
You healed our bodies and loosed our tongues.

Remind us now of the joy of your presence;
meet each of us in the places of our need.

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 587)** "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

***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 Psalm 30

HYMN 799 "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"
I LOVE THE LORD

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry
and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to God's throne.

2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry
and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
while I have breath to pray.

SECOND READING Mark 5:21-43

SERMON Margaret LaMotte Torrence

"The Whole Truth"

***HYMN 797** "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

YE BANKS AND BRAE

1 We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3 So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

***AFFIRMATION** 1 John 4 (selected verses); Romans 8:38-39

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.
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 God's love is perfected in us.
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 687** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
ST. ANNE

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF
Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Interim Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts; Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgists: Pat Levi
Coffee Hour Host: Susan and Derron Daugherty
Elder of the Day: Beth Meriwether

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.

OFFERING Plates are available just inside the doors to the chapel 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 share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances.
(A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings, formerly known as Five Cents a Meal hunger offering)

WELCOMING REFUGEES If you would like to learn more about serving on a Circle of Welcome to assist a refugee family as they settle in our area, there is a handout available in the entryway, or you may call contact Vicki Collins (vcollins@warren-wilson.edu, 828-712- 0251).
20-25 families are expected to arrive in our area in the coming months, and the need is urgent. You do not need to be a member of the church, and no financial commitment is involved.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office (298-9092).

We celebrate:
◦ **a wonderful Wednesday presentation by Savannah Craig** and **Cindy Riley** from **SVCM** and **Ministry of Hope** (thank you, **Natalie Daughterty**, for making these meals and programs happen!) ◦ an inspirational presentation by **Eric Wall** on Sunday evening, June 23 ◦ **Ted's marvelous week at the Worship and Music Conference** in Montreat (ask him about it!) ◦ the news that moisture - damaged **windows in the fellowship hall will be replaced** in the coming weeks, due to the generosity of an anonymous donor ◦

We remember in prayer:
◦ **Sandee Butterworth and family,** following Milt's death on June 26 ◦ **Bubba Lytle, Rodney and Sharon's son**, making excellent progress recovering from a serious motorcycle accident ◦ **James Kelley, Janice Collins' son**, recovering from a broken hip ◦ **Thurman Slone**, Joyce Cucinella's brother now under Hospice care ◦ **Carol Lee Joslin,** Blake Joslin's mother, suffering from Alzheimer's ◦ **Beth Newman**, who returned to the pulpit in Bryson City on June 2! Beth continues to return to Atlanta for check-ups every two weeks, and has significant fatigue, but has been told by her doctor that she is experiencing a "perfect" recovery ◦ **Jackie Ligon Cole** ◦ **Pat Crumpler** ◦ **Vernon Daugherty, Sr.** (Derron's father) ◦ **Martha Dugger** ◦ **Rick Garrison** ◦ **Houston Huggins** (Beth Meriwether's brother) ◦ **Erika Lytle** ◦ **Salyna Morgan** ◦ Fran Roberts'

sister-in-law, **Linda Briggs** ◦ **Jon Hettrick** and his family ◦ **Marjorie Hettrick** ◦ **Kim Reece** (daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison) ◦ **Shane Reece** (Nancy Garrison's son) ◦ Pat Wilson's son, **Kell**. ◦

FISCAL YEAR DONATIONS TO THE COLLEGE In response to looming financial needs at the college, if you would like to make a financial donation before the end of the fiscal year **(Today, June 30),** information can be found at https://www.warren-wilson.edu/giving2/. The Advancement Office is happy to help anyone with an IRA distribution, a planned gift, a credit or debit card gift, or simply to connect about the college and facilitate the handoff of a check. You may call Kelly Hallock with any questions, (828) 771-5807

CELEBRATE THE 4th WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON JULY 7!
Make plans to join us for the potluck picnic right after church! The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns (with vegetarian and gluten-free options available), as well as cold drinks. Please bring a side-dish to share, and sign-up in the narthex to let us know you are coming!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

◦ Andrew Tripp	July 2
◦ Robert Castellani	July 4
◦ Larry Griswold	July 4
◦ Allyson Hettrick	July 8
◦ Amanda Branscombe	July 17
◦ Don Collins	July 18
◦ Brent Roberts	July 23
◦ Bob Gambrell	July 27
◦ Pat Crumpler	July 29

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS As we welcome our new Church Administrator, Andrew Tripp, we remind you that his position is part time, and with that comes slightly shorter office hours:
Monday through Friday, 9:00-3:00.

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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!