

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost



This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Lloyd Stone, 1934

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Consolation No. 2

Franz Liszt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14

Donna Eagle Joslin

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 his temple.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

*HYMN 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Boundary-breaking God,
We confess our need to label and divide:
we are rich, we are poor;
 we are citizen, we are alien;
 we are young, we are old.**

**We segregate by race and creed and stories shared—
 —whom we love and how we vote.
We are destined; we are overlooked.**

**In the stillness of this hour,
strip from us the identities that harden our hearts
and clothe us, instead, with the love of Jesus.**

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 123

SECOND READING

Mark 6: 1-13

SERMON

Margaret LaMotte Torrence
“A Servant's Prayer”

***AFFIRMATION**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

***HYMN 529**

**“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”
UNION SEMINARY**

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Here we touch your garment's hem.

2 As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so now bind our friendship up.

3 All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Table Prayer *(responses below)*

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.
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

**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.**

Sharing a Taste of Home

The bread is gluten-free; the juice is not fermented, with the hope that all may freely participate.

When you come forward for communion, you will be offered a piece of bread. You will then have two options for receiving juice: you may take the bread and dip it in a common cup, or if you would prefer to have a personal serving of juice, separate glass cups will be available. Please follow whichever practice feels more meaningful to you.

*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Southern Harmony/Arr. M. Hayes*

Giving Thanks

***HYMN 726**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”
KELVINGROVE**

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in D Minor Georg

Philipp Telemann

*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

Guest Pianist: Eunice Stackhouse

Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin

Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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 chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: 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 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:

◦ **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 ◦ **Susan Laney**, responding well to medication following a brain-bleed ◦ **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.** ◦

CELEBRATE THE 4th WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY TODAY! Join us today for a potluck picnic right after church! The church is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns (with vegetarian and gluten-free options available), as well as cold drinks. Please join us!

AUGUST NEWSLETTER As a reminder, we are trying to give more lead time to the volunteers that help make the newsletter happen. That means we would like submissions for the **August Newsletter** on or before **July 15**. Please submit those to Andrew by calling the church office (298-9092) or e-mailing andrew-tripp@warren-wilson.edu

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS SUNDAY SERVICE GREETERS Greeters will welcome people to the Sunday service, hand out bulletins, hand out information cards to visitors, point out the items on the information table, and assist with a brief after-service cleanup of bulletins and hymnals. A sign-up sheet is available on the side table in the entryway. Help us to be a more welcoming church!

GUEST PIANIST Dr. Eunice Wonderly Stackhouse has piano degrees from Grace College, Indiana University, and U. of Kansas. She recently retired from 23 years at Montreat College, and is now a private piano instructor in Black Mountain. In addition to many classical recitals over the years, she has also played for countless services and other ceremonies in numerous states.

SUMMER 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!*