

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2024
8th Sunday after Pentecost



Guests are essential to the making of any heart.

- *Radical Hospitality*, Homan and Pratt

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 130: 5-6 Cindy Riley

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

***HYMN 401**

“Here in This Place”
GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Spirit of truth and life,
We imagine that we are on familiar ground,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we
came.**

Forgive our tepid expectations, holy One.

**In your mercy, dwell with us.
Quicken our spirits and burn in our hearts
until we are transformed.
Make us, your blessed and broken people,
bread for the world.**

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

Isaiah 25: 6-9

SECOND READING

Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON

Savanna Craig

*HYMN 762

“When the Poor Ones”

EL CAMINO

1 When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

Refrain:

then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2 When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Refrain)

3 When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better, (Refrain)

4 When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Refrain)

*AFFIRMATION

A 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN 252

“Day of Arising”

RAABE

1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.

2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,

slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation:
Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us,
in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion,
open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation
with you may rise.

***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

Coffee Hour Host: Anne Dale
Liturgist: Cindy Riley
Greeter: Kay Stockdale
Elder of the Day: Jim Storey

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: 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: A delightful Fourth of July gathering, special thanks to the **Daugherty family** and the **Congregational Life Team!** ◦ **John and Olivia LaMotte**, who celebrated 69 years of marriage on July 8 ◦ crystal-clear new window panes in the Fellowship Hall and surrounding spaces--come enjoy the view! ◦ refrigerator fairies (**Sharon Lytle and Susan Daugherty**) for cleaning out the Fellowship Hall fridge

We remember in prayer: **Sandee Butterworth and family**, following Milt's death on June 26 ◦ **Bill Christy** continues to improve after receiving a heart transplant. As of Thursday, it was hoped that he would be discharged from the hospital this week. ◦ **Susan Laney**, who has been discharged from the hospital and moved to Care Partners for rehab ◦ **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 is back at work but continuing to recover her strength ◦ **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.**

EXTRA TOTE-BAGS? SVCM has a new shower to be used by neighbors who don't have access to such facilities. We will schedule an assembly-line-project (soon!) to fill bags with requested shower-items. **What we need right now are fabric or plastic tote bags large enough to hold a towel and toiletry items. Please bring any bags you have to share. There will be a box in the narthex to collect them.** Thank you for all the ways you help!!!

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 PREACHER This morning we welcome the Rev. Savanna Craig to our pulpit. Savanna is an ordained Methodist pastor, currently serving as Assistant Director at Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries (SVCM). Savanna received her Master of Divinity from Gardner-Webb University and a Master of Counseling Psychology from Montreat College. We are grateful for Savanna's compassionate and committed leadership in our community.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday, 9:00-3:00.



BUTTERWORTH MEMORIAL A service of thanksgiving for the life of Milt Butterworth will be held in the chapel on Saturday, August 17 at 2:00, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



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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!*