Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost



Grain
Crushed and refined.

Kneaded,
Rested,
Kneaded again.

Transformed by fire,
Smells so sweet.

Taste and see.

- Cindy Riley

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34:1-3 Beth Meriwether

I will praise God in every moment,
Let's praise God's name together!

And through every situation.
Let's praise God's name together!

Through words and action,
Let's praise God's name together!

With lives that pay tribute to God.
Let's praise God's name together!

Whenever the poor and humble hear of God's greatness,
they will celebrate, too!
Let's praise God's name together!

Come and lift up God's name with me;
Let's praise God's name together!

Taste and see that the Lord is good!
Let's praise God's name together!

***HYMN 32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
ELLACOMBE

1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
When the crowds surrounded Jesus,
hungry for bread and a way to live,
he took a simple offering, and made for them a feast.
Yet we, who have so much,
struggle to trust the abundance of your grace.
We hesitate before we share.
We wonder if the plenty is enough.

In this breath of silence
come to us.
Meet us where we hunger.
Make us 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 584)** "Glory, Glory, Glory"

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!
And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

***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 55: 1-11

SECOND READING John 6: 35, 41-51

SERMON Cindy Riley

***HYMN 686** "God of Our Life"
SANDON

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

***AFFIRMATION** from A Declaration of Faith, PCUS 1977

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's Kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 800** "Sometimes a Light Surprises"
SALLEY GARDENS

1 Sometime a light surprises
the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises
with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining,
he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining
to cheer it after rain.

2 In holy contemplation
we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation
and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow,
we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow
bring with it what it may."

3 It can bring with it nothing
but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing
will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens
no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens
will give his children bread.

4 Though vine nor fig tree neither
their longed-for fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither,
nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding,
his praise shall tune my voice;
for while in him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

***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: Natalie Daugherty
Liturgist: Beth Meriwether
Greeter: Kara Nash
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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.

GUEST PREACHER Cindy Riley is a Swannanoa Native and a graduate of Owen High School who found her way back in 2017. She currently serves as the Program Director for Hope for Tomorrow at Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry and is ordained to Word and Sacrament with the Evangelical Covenant Church. Cindy and her husband Dennis have 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren, with another one on the way! Cindy and Dennis have been worshiping with us since the spring.

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).
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: abundant volunteers to form a **Circle of Welcome** for a refugee family ◦ 70 tote bags (and counting!) that we'll use in our SVCM project in early September

We remember in prayer: Friends and family of Kim Reece, (daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison), following her death on July 12 ◦ **Friends and family of Austin Jordan,** following his unexpected death on June 29 ◦ **the family of Elda Pineda,** our faithful church cleaner, after her brother's death in El Salvador ◦ **Sandee Butterworth and family, following Milt's death** on June 26 ◦ **Amanda Branscombe,** following consultation with her cardiologist on August 1. Amanda is recovering from shingles and hoping to be cleared for spinal fusion surgery (in Alabama) on August 15 ◦ **Bill Christy,** as he continues to heal following a heart transplant ◦ **John and Susan Laney**, recovering from COVID. *Cards are much appreciated. John will let us know when they are ready for visitors*. ◦ **Bubba Lytle, Rodney and Sharon's son**, making excellent progress recovering from a serious motorcycle accident ◦ **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 following a bone marrow transplant ◦ **Elda Pineda's mother and father, Karmen Iraeta and Josue Victor Pineda,** as she battles kidney and heart problems and as he recovers from cancer ◦ **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**.

HANDBELLS STARTING SOON! The handbell choir is resuming rehearsals after Labor Day this year with plans to enrich worship through a larger part of the liturgical year in celebration of the refurbishments completed last year. If you have interest in joining, or questions, please contact Natalie Daugherty (336) 413-9071.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Greeters will welcome worshipers, offer bulletins and other worship resources to guests, and assist with a brief after-service cleanup of bulletins and hymnals.
Liturgists typically lead the Call to Worship, offer the Prayer for Illumination and the First Reading, and lead the Affirmation of Faith. All texts are supplied to readers.
Coffee-Hour Hosts make coffee (provided by the church), and put out snacks, juice, and water. (Hosts may choose to use snacks available at the church or bring refreshments to share.) Hosts have access to the parlor kitchen for clean up. Susan Daugherty and members of the Congregation Life Team are available to answer questions or provide assistance.
Sign-up sheets are available in the entryway. We'd love to have you participate!

EXTRA TOTE-BAGS? SVCM has a new shower to be used by neighbors who don't have access to such facilities. **We are collecting clean, reusable tote bags (fabric or plastic) large enough to hold a towel and toiletry items. Please bring any bags you have to share. There is a box in the narthex to collect them.** With gratitude for all the ways you help!!!

RECEPTION HELP If you would like to contribute finger food (cookies, fruit, nuts, etc.) to be served at the reception following Milt Butterworth's memorial service on the afternoon of Saturday, August 17, please bring your contributions to the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Friday, August 16, before 3:00, or simply bring them prior to the service on the 17th.

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

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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!