Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 25, 2024
14th Sunday after Pentecost



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?

- from Psalm 27

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sally Broughton

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day the LORD has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***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**

Mighty God, you offer us your power for living.
Forgive us when we reject your power for our lives.
We confess our sin to you, O God.
When we make decisions without seeking your will,
We reject your power, O God.
When we refuse to take risks for the sake of spreading your love and your goodness,
We reject your power, O God.
When we cling to our own guilt, refusing to forgive ourselves,
We reject your power, O God.
When we cling to the false claims of security,
We reject your power, O God.
You have assured us of your love, your forgiveness, and power,
Help us to live the free and abundant life that Christ offers us. Amen

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 Beth Meriwether
Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING
Psalm 91

RESPONSE Handbell Small Ensemble with Ted Stewart
"The Path of Life" by Jason W Krug

SECOND READING Matthew 14:13-33

SERMON Pat Hardy
"Water Walking"

***HYMN 721** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeside"
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possesions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

3 You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION** from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing…
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE John LaMotte

***HYMN 697** "Take My Life"
HENDON

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***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: Sally Broughton
Greeter: Catherine Showalter
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: 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.

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

We celebrate: the **birth of Theodore Mouzinho Torrence** (to be known as Theo), who arrived 6 weeks early and will need a few weeks in the NICU, but appears to be a healthy child. First-time grandparents, Lee and Margaret, are thrilled ◦ our **Congregational Life Team: Janice Collins, Vicki Collins, Mary Craig, Donna Eagle Joslin, Sarah Anne Eller, Pat Levi, Sharon Lytle, and their fearless leader, Susan Daugherty,** for their continued excellent work: most recently the memorial reception on August 17 ◦ **Jim Storey,** with help from **Janice Collins** and **Andrew Tripp,** for putting up the pride flag and the welcome banner ◦ **Andrew Tripp's** move to permanent status as our **Church Administrator**, effective September 1 ◦ **new carpet** in the administrator's office ◦ abundant volunteers to form a **Circle of Welcome** for a refugee family ◦ abundant **tote bags** to use in our SVCM project in early September! *(no more are needed!)*

We remember in prayer: Amanda Branscombe, now discharged from the hospital, and recovering from spinal fusion surgery ◦ **Bill Christy,** as he continues to heal following a heart transplant ◦ **Susan Laney**, receiving therapy at home ◦ **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, Karmen Iraeta** ◦ **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** ◦ **Shane Reece** (**Nancy Garrison's son**) ◦ **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**.

CHOIR RESUMES The choir invites folks who can carry a tune to give Chapel Choir a try. 7:00 Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 4 & 11. Service singing begins Sunday, September 15. Give Director Ted Stewart a call, (816) 305-1038, or just show up at rehearsal. We encourage you to share our joy.

MUSIC READING CLASS Want to improve your music reading? Ted is offering one more chance to do just that! On Wednesday, August 28 you can work on recognizing and singing the intervals between notes, while gaining confidence in your singing! This is not a choir requirement, or even just for choir members, but an opportunity for anyone who finds music reading something of a mystery. Please let Ted know if you'd like to join and expect to have some fun!

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.

WELCOME STUDENTS WORSHIP & POTLUCK SEPT 8!
Mark your calendars to be in worship on **September 8** as the **Spiritual Life Crew of Warren Wilson College will lead us in worship,** in collaboration with Shannon Spencer, Chaplain of the College. A similar service in the spring was warmly welcomed by the congregation. We hope to host such services twice a year. Following the service there will be a **potluck in the Fellowship Hall** to welcome the students! **Please bring 1-2 dishes to share** with our students and congregation. The students love extras! Beverages will be provided by the Congregational Life Team.

CANCER-SUPPORT MINISTRY, OCT 6, GRACE COVENANT
If you would like to learn more about the possibility of starting a cancer-support ministry at WWPC, you are invited to attend this event (5:30—8:30 on Oct. 6) at Grace Covenant in Asheville. Susan Mims, the President and CEO of Dogwood Health Trust will be speaking. Susan is a dynamic speaker and has experience as a patient with cancer. Anne Turnage, of GCPC, is our contact for more information. Anne would like to know in advance who might attending.

HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAYS THIS FALL As you will see in our next newsletter, construction of Habitat House of Faith #4 will start in Arden on Oct. 9. Church members who volunteered at House of Faith #3 last fall and others who have helped in the past have been contacted by email about helping again, but if you have not been contacted and have questions or would like to know more, reach out to Larry Griswold at larrygris@gmail.com. No previous experience or special skills are needed, only a willingness to help!

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!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday - 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!