

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2025



I Believe

by Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 19:29-40 Pen and ink on paper

“The figure’s hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.” - Steve Prince

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Ken Murchison

On this day, Jesus marched

**in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in all the in betweens!

*HYMN 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

*1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)*

*2 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)*

*4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Creator, forgive me
**when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive me
**when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive me
**when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.**

Forgive me.

Create in me a heart like yours.
Amen.

*RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

“You Are My Refuge, Faithful God” #214 stanzas 1 & 5

*You are my refuge, faithful God;
you shelter me from shame.
I put my spirit in your hands
and call upon your name.*

*And yet I trust in you, O God;
your covenant still stands.
Redeem me, in your faithful love:
my life is in your hands.*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

ANTHEM

“God So Loved The World” John D. Horman

*God so loved the world, God so loved the world that to us a son was
given.*

*And whosoever believes in Him, shall live for evermore.
God so loved the world that to us a son was given.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 198**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

ST. DROSTANE

1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

**We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way
through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna. We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN 618** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
DEO GRACIAS

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us, the tempter overthrew.

3 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

4 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

5 All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Ken Murchison
Elder of the Day: Don Collins
Coffee Hour Host: Joyce, Betty S, Pat W, and Jackie

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, and place it in the offering plate.

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.

We celebrate: Donna Eagle Joslin and Elizabeth Cook for the flowers in the big planters in front of the Chapel ◦

We remember in prayer: Joanne Lincoln with hospice at Highland Farms Healthcare Center ◦ **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by recent storms. In our congregation, we remember especially **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, Joyce Cucinella, and Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ **Susan Laney**, receiving therapy at home ◦ Ongoing prayers for the extended **Lytle family** ◦ **Mary Craig** ◦ **Jackie Ligon Cole** ◦ **Pat Crumpler** ◦ **Martha Dugger** ◦ **Rick Garrison** ◦ **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**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – All are welcome!
Cemetery Walk and Storytelling – Wednesday, April 16 1:00-3:00 PM <p style="text-align: center;">Meet at the Cemetery</p>
Maundy Thursday Service – April 17 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Good Friday Service – Black Mountain UMC at 12:00 PM
Easter Potluck Brunch and Celebration – 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM <p style="text-align: right;">in the Fellowship Hall</p>
Easter Worship – 11:00 AM in the Chapel

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Alliance is having a community Lenten service every Wednesday at noon through April 16, with a Good Friday service on April 18. All services will be hosted at Black Mountain UMC and will be followed by a free community meal provided by Open Table.

EASTER BRUNCH On April 20 at 9:30 we are having our Easter Brunch. Bring breakfast dish to share and come celebrate the season with your friends! An Easter Egg hunt will follow after the church service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on April 27 for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

PHOTO REQUEST For the centennial celebration, we want your old pictures of the church. The older the better! Please find any photos of the church or church activities in the current chapel, Williams building, Sunderland, or before and give them to Kay Stockdale. We can scan and print them if you'd like to keep the original. Please put your name and any info on the back of the photo.

TOGATHER We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month through May at 1:30 PM in the chapel parlor. This is a time where all are welcome to build and strengthen relationships, spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer, learn and practice calming and relaxation skills, and share resources. This is an open group; feel free to come whenever you are able. Contact Beth Meriwether (828-777-2867) for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS We meet **Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Ed room. All are welcome** at any time. Please contact Beth Meriwether at bethmeriwether@gmail.com for more information.

EASTER LILIES On Easter Sunday we brighten the Chapel with Easter Lilies. You can purchase a lily for \$12 and have it placed in honor or in memory of someone. Lily orders are due today, April 13, and can be taken home following the Easter service on April 20.

Liturgy by Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art, LLC

Song in Sermon by Rev. Richard Fairchild; Ecunet



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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!*