Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025



A Summer Day

by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Ken Murchison

Cry out with joy to the Lord.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
The Lord is the creator of heaven and earth.
The Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.
God's faithfulness endures forever.

***HYMN 268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you have created us in your image
and filled us with your Holy Spirit.
Yet, we turn from your way and follow the desires of our own hearts. We have spoken hurtful words, acted in selfish ways, and failed to love others as you have loved us.
When anger, selfishness, and greed overtake us, correct us, forgive us, and teach us how to live as followers of Jesus.
In the power of your Holy Spirit,
may we grow in grace and live in love.
In name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**
"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" #582

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
As God in Christ has forgiven us, so let us forgive one another.
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 112

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON "Why Didn't I See That?" Rev. Dr. Lewis Galloway

***HYMN 766** "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" MC KEE

1 The church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found
there can the church be known.

2 True faith will open up the door
and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor
and ask to wash their feet.

3 True love will not sit idly by
when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry
and welcomes them inside.

4 If what we have we freely share
to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care
through every selfless deed.

5 The church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found,
there can the church be known.

AFFIRMATION Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN 757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
KINGSFOLD

1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

***CHARGE & 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: Chrisann Ohler
Coffee Hour Host: Elaine Barnes, Betty Siviter

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, 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: All in our Congregation that are out and about this summer and we pray for safe travel ◦ **Congregational Life and other great volunteers** for such hard work supporting worship and recent receptions

We remember in prayer: Brooks Joslin, Blake's father, recovering well in his assisted living facility ◦ **Beth Newman** in the hospital due to an infection ◦ **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by Hurricane Helene. In our congregation, we remember especially **Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle,** and **Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ 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** ◦ **Marjorie Hettrick** ◦ **Shane Reece** (**Nancy Garrison's son**) ◦ **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY Warren Wilson College is hosting the **Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas** concert series on Saturday evenings, July 12-August 2 at 7:30 PM in the WWPC Chapel. Tickets are $35 for individual concerts, or $120 for all four concerts. Tickets available at www.cms-carolinas.org or at the door.

4TH PICNIC The July 4th potluck picnic is next Sunday, July 6 following the worship service. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Hamburgers, vegetarian hamburgers, hot dogs, all the trimmings, and
drinks are provided. Come and enjoy the holiday!

 **LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES**  Announcing 2 movie nights in July: Wednesdays the 9th and 16th, 5:30-8:30, downstairs in the Youth Room. On the 9th we'll watch "Will and Hunter", a true story about friendship, identity, pain, laughter, and the journey to becoming your true self. On the 16th we'll watch "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On", a charming story about Marcel, a 1-inch tall shell, and his grandmother, and Marcel's quest to reunite with his long-lost family. Cookies, popcorn and soft drinks will be provided; feel free to bring a sack supper for yourself and any goodies you'd like to share. For more information, contact Beth Meriwether 828-777-2867.

WWPC WELCOMES THE SWANNANOA VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING The WWPC Session has come to an agreement with the Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting (SVFM) Quaker congregation who will be meeting in our Ransom Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM for one year beginning July 13. Hurricane Helene destroyed the SVFM meeting house in Black Mountain and their congregation has been meeting in various locations since then. On the infrequent Sundays when WWPC has after-church functions (e.g., Centennial celebration) those will take priority and the SVFM will make other arrangements. The SVFM youth group will also meet in the downstairs youth room one Sunday per month concurrent with the services in the Fellowship Hall. The Session is pleased to offer this hospitality to our friends from SVFM at no cost.

OUR GUEST PREACHER We welcome Rev. Dr. Lewis Galloway to our pulpit today and next week, July 6. Lewis served as Senior Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Now retired and living in our valley, he also served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served as a Trustee of both institutions. He and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Bunny Alexander are the parents of three grown children and enjoy two grandchildren. During the summer, you can find Lewis at the Sally Jones Pottery at Montreat, where he volunteers.

Ministry of Hope - Women's Prison Collection

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From now until the end of July, we are collecting hygeiene products for some women who cannot aford to purchase them at the canteen. Place items in the narthex.

SHOPPING LIST

Note: some transgender individuals prefer men's hygiene products

- ◯ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ◯ Deodorant
- ◯ Soap
- ◯ Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- ◯ Fixodent/Polident
- ◯ Hair Grease/Oil (Softee is a popular brand)

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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!