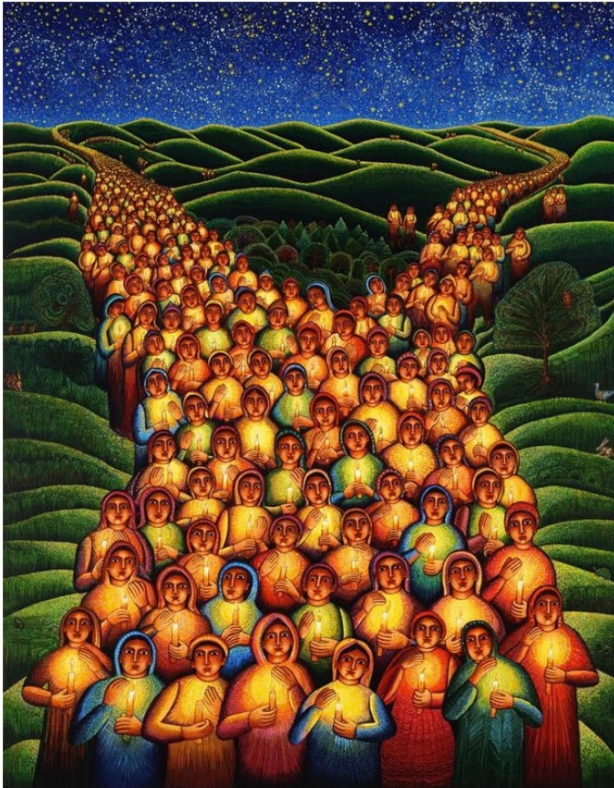


Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

September 23, 2026



The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom.

- bell hooks

"Love as the Practice of Freedom"

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. JESSICA RIGEL

September 23, 2026 6:00 PM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Byron Wade

PRELUDE

“Fanfare Festival”

C. S. Lang

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shannon Spencer

One: We are all children of the living God

All: Who come together here to worship.

One: Jews and Greeks, slaves and free

– all races, genders, classes, and abilities

All: We are all one in the body of Christ.

One: Let us remember that there is value in our differences

All: And that unity in Christ makes us stronger, together.

*OPENING HYMN 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,

come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

2 Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

3 Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 12:4-18
David Black**

THE SERMON

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Jil Meadows
from 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.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba Father.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 768

“Somos el cuerpo de Cristo”
SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
We are the body of Christ.
Hemos oído el llamado;
we’ve answered “yes” to the call of the Lord.
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
We are the body of Christ.
Traemos su santo mensaje.
We come to bring the Good News to the world.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE LITANY OF INSTALLATION

George Thompson

One: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

**All: We have different gifts
according to the grace God has given us.**

One: If your gift is to hear God’s Word,

All: speak it out in faith.

One: If your gift is service,

All: live to serve others.

One: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

All: teach what is true.

One: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**All: Let all elders work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

One: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

**All: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering, constant in prayer,
supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

....Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

**The proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER ELECT

Wanda Neely

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS
TO THE CONGREGATION**

Rodney Lytle

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

THE DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME

THE CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Megan McMillan

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Keith Grogg

THE PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

***HYMN OF MINISTRY 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jessica Rigel

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

*We will receive communion by intinction. When invited,
come forward from the left side of each pew; receive the bread,
dip it in the cup, partake of the elements;
return to your pew by the outside aisle.*

*Please raise your hand if you would prefer to be served at your seat,
and servers will bring the elements to you.*

*All bread is gluten-free
and each cup contains unfermented grape juice.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

GTG, 526

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***THE BENEDICTION**

****THE POSTLUDE** "Hymn to Joy' Finale" Charles Callahan

*Please stand as you are able

**Please remain seated during the Postlude

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