

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel  
**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
September 4, 2016  
11:00 a.m.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature -- the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”*

Rachel Carson

### *The Gathering of the People*

## THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We are glad to have you with us today. Please enjoy worshipping in the beautiful setting of the pavilion.*

## THE PRELUDE

**Chili**

*“The Meditation” by D. M. Thorstad*

## \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

One Voice: The living God breathed into emptiness  
and created everything that is.

Many Voices: **With love and care, God shaped the world with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.**

One Voice: On this day we gather in oneness with our brothers  
and sisters to celebrate God’s good gifts.

Many Voices: **We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive strength for our common tasks.**

One Voice: On this day we will share the bread and wine,  
symbols of God’s goodness and love.

Many Voices: **We will open our hearts to accept these gifts, so that we might be strengthened for the work to which God calls us.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

## \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE (Please see insert)

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
(ROYAL OAK)

## \*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**Zoey Laird WWC’15**

## \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment and withdrew them for the**

**work was hard. You asked for our voices, to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused. You asked for our eyes, to see the pain of poverty. We closed them for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. We gave only a small part, that we might not get too involved. O God, forgive us when we serve you only when it is convenient, only when it is safe, only when it is easy. Renew us and strengthen us to follow you wherever you may lead. Through Christ we pray**

## *Silent Prayer*

## \*THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## \*THE GLORIA (Madrid)

*Now let our voices raise; Alleluia! Amen!*

*To give to God our praise; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Mercy and grace abound! In God our lives are found!*

*Long may our joy resound; Alleluia! Amen!*

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

## THE TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time. After, children six and under, may go to the nursery. Children's bulletins and worship bags are available for older children in the Narthex of the Church to use during the service.*

## THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Zoey Laird**

## A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

## A READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Acts 18:1-3

## THE MESSAGE

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

*Your Wild and Precious Life*

### *The Response to the Word*

## \*LABOR DAY AFFIRMATION (Unison)

**Zoey Laird**

**We believe in God,  
Whose breath gives energy for the struggle,  
Whose power goes beyond human weakness.**

**We believe in Christ,  
Whose solidarity accompanies all our deaths,  
Whose resurrection frees us to believe the impossible.**

**We believe in the Spirit,  
Who liberates us from powerlessness  
And brings us toward all truth.**

**We believe in Triune God,  
Whose grace upholds our being,  
Whose unity calls us to be the church,  
And whose work inspires us to labor on.**

## THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## THE OFFERTORY

*“donum Dei” by D. M. Thorstad*

## \*THE DOXOLOGY (Old Hundredth)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above you heavenly hosts;*

*Praise God and Christ and Holy Ghost.*

## \*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### *The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

## \*THE INVITATION

**Rev. Beth Newman**

## \*THE COMMUNION HYMN (Please see insert)

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*  
(BEACH SPRING)

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### *The Sending*

## \*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT (Please see insert)

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*  
(REPTON)

## \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

*The sounds of nature will provide our postlude today...*

\*Please stand as you are able

### CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Beth Newman, Associate in Ministry  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Ray Stock, Bob Gambrell, Treasurers  
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer  
Nan Woodard, Bookkeeper

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: **Bill & Paulette Heck, Käthe Mosher**  
Liturgist: **Zoey Laird**  
Coffee Hour Hosts: **Ned & Babs Guardenier**  
Elder of the Week: **Vicki Collins**



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**IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU IN OUR MIDST** this morning Please enjoy the serenity of worshiping in an outdoor setting. We will return to the Chapel next week.

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS:** Bob Keener; Kari Fernald, Lisa Mallory's mother; Ellen Huggins, Beth Meriwether's mother; Neil Satterfield; Barbara Robinson, Jack Ballard's mother; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

**TODAY'S ORGANIST** Darrien "Chili" Thorstad and his family moved to Black Mountain just over a month ago. Chili served Riverside Presbyterian Church in Cocoa Beach for 10 years as their Praise Band leader and then as the Music Director for the past 2 years. He teaches piano and keyboards to students of all ages and also composes choral arrangements as well as contemporary Christian music. Chili and his family feel blessed to be a new part of the community and are excited to share in worship with WWPC today!

**NICKEL A MEAL** Today we receive the Nickel A Meal offering. Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry of our presbytery which raises thousands of dollars annually for hunger relief.

**THE BACK PORCH SESSIONS** Because community can be hard to find. Because who doesn't like live music and great stories? Because there are lots of different ways to do church. The Back Porch Sessions is a joint offering of the Spiritual Life department of WWC and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Join us tonight, September 4, at 7:00 on the porch of Ransom Fellowship Hall for an evening of roots music and storytelling, followed by communion served in a Mason jar and on a wooden plate; just like on your back porch.

**ROOM IN THE INN** Today is our last Sunday to sign up for Room in the Inn before it starts next Sunday (9/11)! We still need side dishes and desserts. We also need overnight volunteers for a few nights. Thanks so much for your response thus far. There are just a few more slots to fill. Sign-up sheet available or contact Paulette Heck ([pheck812@gmail.com](mailto:pheck812@gmail.com) or [828-581-0080](tel:828-581-0080)) to sign up. Thank you!

**COME SING, AND PLAY, WITH US!** On September 25, we will welcome our new Director of Music, Vivian Hare. To help her get a head start in this new role, Vivian would love to be in touch with you if you're interested in singing in our choir, or if you play an instrument. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

**BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME "WELCOME TOTES"** Donations to Social Outreach are being used to fill Welcome Totes for youth (teens) at Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families. We encourage individuals and families/groups to sponsor/fill a tote and return it by September 25. Guideline lists and a sign-up sheet are available with several empty totes.

**MORE HABITAT HOUSE BUILDING DAYS** - there is now a sign-up sheet for volunteer work days on Presbyterian Methodist house # 25 on Sept. 8 and 17, and Oct. 4 and 12. If you would like to help with the house but cannot on those days, talk to Larry Griswold.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** We begin a new year of Sunday School on September 11th at 9:45. Our children will begin with the Old Testament story of Joseph, and the Fellowship Class will start a video series entitled "Living the Questions." All are welcome and a nursery is provided.

**JUST FOR FUN** We'll kick off our new year of Just For Fun with a barbecue dinner at Hickory Nut Gap Farms on September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**NURSERY BRIGADE** The Sign-up Sheet for the Nursery Brigade is now available in the Narthex. The lesson for each Sunday is listed on the sheet. Choose a Bible story that you like and sign up to read to our Toddlers. Walk to the Nursery after the Children's Sermon, read the Bible story and return to church. Joseph and Moses are the focused stories.

**HUNGER WALK** Save the date! The Swannanoa Valley Hunger walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. Registration will be at 1:30.

**SOULS TO THE POLLS!** Spirit in Action is a non-partisan, non-profit organization working with communities of faith to bolster participation in the democratic process. Please see their flier in the narthex for information on how you can support their effort to register and empower voters during this election season.

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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. We are the many faces of humanity – yet as a community of faith, we are committed in our diversity to be one in Christ!*