

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen

Chris Heckert

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

Vivian Hare

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Raney

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rodney Lytle
Rev. Grace Boyer

One Voice: *I want Jesus to walk with me . . .*
Our Lenten sojourn has begun, a journey
that leads us from ashes to Easter.

One Voice: *I want Jesus to walk with me...*
Today we enter into the wilderness.
Today we leave ordinary comforts behind.

One Voice: *All along my pilgrim journey,*
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Here in wilderness our deepest hungers are fed.
Here we discover our true home.

Sung Response: *I want Jesus to walk with me;*
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

One Voice: Today we remember the source of our life.
Today we feast not on bread but on love.

All: **Let us worship the living God!**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

GTG #166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
(ST. FLAVIAN)

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

Dennis Stockdale

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you call us to leave our ordinary lives behind, so that we might live abundant lives. You call us to look beyond our ordinary work, so that we might help usher in your reign of love and peace and justice. Forgive us when we fail to heed that call, when our nerve and our faith fail us and we opt for what is familiar over what is possible, when we choose the easy way over the great way. Be patient with us, God, and call us again and again and again, until we finally follow. Through Christ we pray.

Silent Prayer

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

***SUNG RESPONSE** (Sing through twice)

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

(When music begins, quietly take your seats)

The Proclamation of the Word

A 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 worship bags are available for older children in the Narthex of the Church to use during the service.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dennis Stockdale

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 25:1-10

THE ANTHEM

Love is the Water that Wears Down the Rock Victor
Rodney Lytle and Alisa White, soloists
The Chapel Choir

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 4:3-30

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Grace Boyer

Come to the Well

The Response to the Word

***THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

GTG #692

Spirit, Open My Heart
(WILD MOUNTAIN THYME)

***AFFIRMATION: A Lenten Litany**

Dennis Stockdale

Leader: Jesus invites us to follow him into the wilderness,
and to fast from our dependence on ordinary things.

All: Let us walk his way with trust.

Leader: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,
where power and status are overturned.

All: Let us walk his way with humility.

Leader: Jesus beckons us to a way of faithful risk,
letting go of our security and trusting in God.

All: Let us walk his way with courage.

Leader: Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

All: Let us walk his way with joy.

Leader: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,
where despair is transformed by the promise of
new life.

All: Let us walk his way with faith.

Leader: Jesus models for us the way that makes for peace,
peace for ourselves and peace for the world.

All: Let us walk in his way with love.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

During the season of Lent, the congregation is invited to pray at one of the five stations placed around the sanctuary: water, stones, fire, psalms, letters. You may also remain seated, and pray where you are.

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Come Now to the Water

Peters

***THE DOXOLOGY** (*Old Hundredth*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Sending

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
(WALK WITH ME)

GTG #775

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

During this time of Lent, we ask that you leave the sanctuary in meditative silence.

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Vivian Hare, Director of Music, Organist
Ray Stock, Jerry Vaneman, Treasurers
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer
Nan Woodard, Bookkeeper

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: **Rick & Nancy Garrison, Sandy Brauer, Ray Stock**

Liturgist: **Dennis Stockdale**

Coffee Hour Hosts: **Kathy Rouse, Jerry Vaneman**

Elder of the Week: **Caroline Cole**



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WELCOME VISITORS! We are pleased to have you with us this morning. We invite you to join us for a cup of coffee after the service, and to stop by our Visitors Information Station in the Narthex. There you will find copies of recent newsletters and sermons, and a welcome packet that will tell you more about who we are, what we believe, and what we do. Thanks for joining us for worship today, and we hope to see you again soon!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR

PRAYERS: Chuck Stephenson and family on the death of Lue; Bill Heck and family on the death of his mother, Irene Case; Jane Corbin and family on the death of her father, Rev. Dr. Louie V. Andrews, Jr.; Pat Crumpler; Milt Butterworth; Bill Corbin; Charles Bradley, Doug Bradley's father; Barbara Higgins; Dr. Steven Williams and Mary Moorrees.

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS (Please see insert)

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY Our adult and children's Sunday School begin at 9:45 in the CE building beyond Ransom Fellowship Hall. The nursery is available from 9:30-12:30.

ADULT EDUCATION From February 11-March 25, "The Ridiculous Journey of Following the Nobody from Nowhere." A Lenten video and discussion series that includes film clips from: Nadia Bolz-Weber, Greg Boyle, Brene Brown, Emmanuel Katongole, Rachel Held Evans, Richard Rohr, and Rowan Williams.

FAIR TRADE ORDERS Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil orders will be accepted February 18 and February 25 with delivery on March 4th. Look for the poster and order forms in the narthex.

BRASS CONCERT TODAY IN CHAPEL The Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass is an exciting brass ensemble that will be performing a free concert at **3:00pm today** in the Chapel. These accomplished musicians come from different areas of WNC to perform a wide range of music that you won't want to miss!

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH In celebration of African American History Month we are singing at least one spiritual song from the African American tradition every Sunday in February.

NURSERY BRIGADE A Sign-up Sheet is now available for the Spring Quarter of the Nursery Brigade and is available in the Narthex. Consider reading to the children when they return to the nursery. The contact we have between our adults and children provides a solid foundation for their lives now and in the years ahead.

INTERFAITH PEACE CONFERENCE *Meeting the other: Can we talk?* March 1-4, 2018 at Lake Junaluska. NC NAACP President, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman will be one of the keynote speakers at the conference. For more information: www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.

2018 SOUPER BOWL SCORE This year's Souper Bowl of Caring collection resulted in 70 items of food and \$815.00 in monetary donations. Our youth have recommended to Session that this once a year offering be forwarded to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry to address the issue of hunger in our community.

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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!