

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow,
it empties today of its strength.”* Corrie Ten Boom

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE “Voluntary in D” by William Boyce

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Leader: We come together as a community of faith,
Those who believe and those who wonder.

People: **We open our hearts in anticipation.
For God has promised to meet us here.**

Leader: Here, in this time, our fears melt into reverence.
Here, in this time, we are surrounded by love.

People: **We open our minds wide to embrace this truth:
Those who seek God, will find God.**

Leader: Here, in this place, our anxieties give way to peace.
Here, in this place, our faith is renewed.

People: **We open our ears to hear God’s voice,
Nourished by the Living Word.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** HYMN #317
In Christ There Is No East or West (MC KEE)

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Gracious God, if we were the birds of the air, we would not worry. We would take wing and fly. If we were the lilies of the field, we would not be anxious. We would take root and bloom. But that is not who we are, or the carefree world in which we live. And so we confess that we do worry and that we are sometimes anxious, about our health and our money, about our country and our world, about our families and our future. Deliver us from our fears, O God, and center us in our faith that our lives might overflow with hope and peace. Through Christ we pray (silent prayer . . .)

***THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.
Many voices: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***THE GLORIA**



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
; Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!



And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

The Proclamation of the Word

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL Rev. Grace Boyer

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

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE PSALMS
Psalm 119:1-8

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Matthew 6:25-34

THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt
Where to Start?

The Response to the Word

***THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** HYMN #815
Give to the Winds Thy Fears (FESTAL SONG)

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**We believe that God is present
In the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty
Where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms,
And the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
That takes us beyond the safe place:
Out into the world,
Into action, into vulnerability.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
And put ourselves on the line;
To bear responsibility, take risks,
To live graciously and faithfully;
To stand with those on the edge;
To choose life
And to be used by the Spirit
For God’s new community of Hope.
Amen.**

- from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book* (adapted)

THE CANDLES OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

At this time, please feel free to light a candle of celebration or concern for your loved ones. If you wish, you may step to the microphone and share these with the congregation.

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester” by L. J. White

*Oh, holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer,
Friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, Amen.*

***THE DOXOLOGY** (Sung to the tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Sending

***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT** HYMN #673
Jesus, Light of Joy (LAUDA ANIMA)

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE** "Gavotte" by Matthew Camidge

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Jack Ballard, Leslie Sayyar, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper
Tess Newman, Sound Tech

Ushers: **Sally Broughton & Toby Ives, Pat & Mike Levi**

Coffee Hour Hosts: **Sally Broughton & Toby Ives**

Elder of the Week: **Bob Gambrell**

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The Announcements

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 of the Chapel. 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: The family of Mary Moorrees on her death; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, who is in the hospital; Pat Crumpler and Mary Moorrees.

NURSERY The nursery is available from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Christian Education Wing beyond the Fellowship Hall.

INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS February 23 Intergenerational Class for all ages in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 on Feb. 23, will be focused on the biblical story of the Transfiguration of Jesus using music, scripture, and art. All children, youth, and adults are invited! Regular Adult and Children/Youth classes will start back on March 1.

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.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISHES! If you have left a food container of any kind at the church from Thanksgiving, Wassail, or any other event, please pick it up from the table near the drinking fountains outside the Fellowship Hall kitchen. All of these items will be taken to the Free Store on campus at the end of February. Thanks!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT Two Sundays ago, our youth and children participated in the national Souper Bowl of Caring, a one day, youth led effort to collect food and monetary donations to help address the issue of hunger in our local community. They recommended (and Session approved) that the collection this year be donated to MANNA Food Bank. The collection totaled 148 lbs. of non-perishable food items (providing 123 meals) and \$896.00 in monetary donations. Thanks to all who supported our youth and children as they participated in such a successful and worthwhile project.

PANCAKE SUPPER FEB 25 AT 5:30 PM (Also known as Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras). Sign-up in the Narthex to bring fruit, egg casseroles or other favorite sides. Come for food, fellowship, and fun in the Fellowship Hall!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE On Wednesday, February 26 we will hold our Ash Wednesday service in the Chancel area of the Chapel beginning at 6:00 pm. As we begin our Lenten journey, this is a very meaningful service that ends with the imposition of ashes before leaving the Chapel in silence.

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES The 2020 Community Lenten Worship Series schedule is available for pick up in the Narthex.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH! The Visitor Welcome Planning Team would like to invite you to join them for a catered lunch, following worship on Sunday, March 1st. We will explain the program, and share the goals we have for it. We will also be glad to answer any questions you may have. This plan is an important priority for our Session. It's one of our main "New Growth Initiatives" for this year, and it will depend on broad support from the congregation to be as successful as we hope it will be. For planning purposes a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you in advance from the planning team: Jack Ballard, Sandy Brauer, Milt and Sandee Butterworth and Nancy Garrison.

ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT March 13-14 at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. The Presbytery has invited Carl McColman back again to lead "*Celtic Spirituality II*". Cost includes three meals, program materials, and room. Informational flyers and registration forms are in the narthex, and deadline to register is Feb 21. Let Grace Boyer know if you decide to attend.

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CONSIDER THE LILIES.....



**HOW THEY GROW
THEY DON'T TOIL
NOR SPIN BUT I
TELL YOU.. EVEN
SOLOMON IN ALL
HIS GLORY WAS
NOT CLOTHED
LIKE ONE OF
THESE.**

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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!