

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else." Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Sally Broughton
Room in the Inn

THE PRELUDE "Love Unknown" arranged by Matthew H. Corl

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

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: The sparrows, the mountain lions
the fish and the people.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in ordinary and extraordinary.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

People: Let us worship God!

(By Katherine Hawker, used with permission)

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** HYMN 377
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (HOUSTON)

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION** Don Collins

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of justice and love, we confess you as Creator yet we serve idols of our own making. God of compassion and grace, we confess Christ as the Teacher of teachers yet we fail to love as he instructs us. God of power and awe, we confess the Spirit as the very breath of God yet we refuse to let our lungs be filled. Forgive and renew us; through Christ we pray. Amen

***KYRIE ELEISON**

***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 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. 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 Don Collins

THE PSALM (121), SUNG: HYMN 45
I to the Hills Will Lift Up My Eyes (DUNDEE)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 3:1-17

THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Spirit Two ways

The Response to the Word

***THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** HYMN 292
As the Wind Song (WAIRUA TAPU)

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

God's love frees me to be the person I am without having to become more attractive, more intelligent or more popular.

God's love frees me to live in confidence,

not needing to be self-absorbed,

but ready to listen and to hear the stories of others.

God's love frees me to take risks,

sometimes to come up short,

but always to move onward with the knowledge that God is with me and for me.

God's love frees me to view the world not from the standpoint of wealth or ambition,

but from the perspective of relationships lived and human love shared.

God's love frees me to put my failures behind me, knowing that none of my mistakes are too great or too small to be healed by God's grace.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Grace Boyer

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. by Richard Shephard

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*As thou didst hunger, bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self and chiefly live by thy most holy word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus with us abide.*

***THE DOXOLOGY** (Sung to the tune TALLIS' CANON)

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 79
Light Dawns on a Weary World (TEMPLE OF PEACE)

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING**

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(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
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Jack Ballard, Leslie Sayyar, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper
Tess Newman, Sound Tech

Liturgist: **Don Collins**

Ushers: **Tacci Presnell-Smith, Don & Vicki Collins**

Coffee Hour Host: **Barbara & Larry Griswold**

Elder of the Week: **Sharon Lytle**

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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: Pat Levi and the Levi family on Mike’s death; Jon Hettrick and family; Beth Meriwether’s family; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, who is in the hospital, and Pat Crumpler.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS 9:45 am Lent/Easter Book Study. *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again.* Author Rachel Held Evans explores the life shaping power of storytelling and literature, diving deep into eight biblical stories. Each story stands on its own, so you do not need to read every chapter to participate. Ask Grace Boyer for a book and schedule.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL We meet in the youth room below the nursery. Music Time: 9:45-10:00 am. Lesson: 10:00-10:45 am.

CORONA VIRUS: FAITH NOT FEAR During the Passing of the Peace, may we suggest you simply offer a respectful bow and say the words, without hugs or handshakes. Let’s stay healthy until this crisis passes!

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES The 2020 Community Lenten Worship Series schedule is on the screen in the Parlor.

WHAT IS A KYRIE? During this season of Lent, we will be using another ancient part of the traditional church service in place of the Gloria. The translation is “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.” The pronunciation is kee-ree-eh ay-lay-ee-sohn, krees-tay ay-lay-ee-sohn, kee-ree-eh ay-lay-ee-sohn.

ROOM IN THE INN We are hosting 12 ladies for Room in the Inn for the week of March 22. We need people to bring lunches, suppers and ESPECIALLY NEED overnight hosts. Please sign up in the narthex or see Susan Laney or Vicki Collins for questions.

COMFORT FOOD Feeling stressed? Depleted? Sounds like you need some COMFORT FOOD, an evening of stories, songs (and snacks) to restore you, body, mind and soul. All are welcome to this ecumenical event led by Joel, Steve and Robyn. 7:00 Tuesday March 31. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that we know you are coming and if you’d like to contribute snacks for the event!

NEW DATE The Madhatters’ Tea has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 20.

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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!