

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel  
**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 11, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”* Kate McGahan

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

“We Walk By Faith”  
Arranged by James Biery

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (respond silently)

Call: Come, people of God, and let us prepare to meet the Risen One! Christ is friend to all who seek him.

**Response: Those who doubt and those who believe,  
Those who fear and those who have faith.**

Call: Come, people of God, and believe the Good News! Christ is friend to all who seek him.

**Response: Those who question and those who trust.  
Those who must see and those who have already seen.**

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

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”  
(Please sing, or hum along silently)

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.*

*Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!*

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** (please join in, silently)

You are Alpha and Omega, O God, the beginning and the end of creation. You caused the formless void to burst into splendor, and the sealed tomb to burst into new life. In Christ, you sent your very self into the world to bring peace and to reconcile those who are estranged. We who have been made one gather to give thanks and to open our hearts in joyful adoration. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL**

*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 20:19-31

**THE SERMON**

*It Takes Time*

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Join in, silently)

We believe in God.

Creator of everything that is.  
Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness;  
Who raises us from sadness and despair and fills us  
with hope and joy.

We believe in Jesus,

Friend of the poor and redeemer of the lost,  
Who comes to us in our grief and longing,  
Who calls us by name and offers us the gift of peace.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God,  
Who fills us with new life,  
Who guides us in the dark  
and watches over us with compassion.

We believe in the church,

Christ’s community of love,

Together, we strive for justice, celebrate in joy,  
Resist despair, and live in hope.

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*We walk by faith and not by sight;  
With gracious words draw near;  
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke:  
“My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side,  
Nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice  
And cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
May we behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**THE POSTLUDE**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”  
Arranged by Robert Buckley Farlee

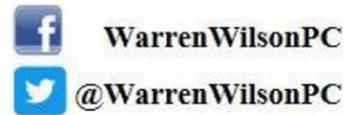
\*Please stand as you are able

## CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Joel P. Rogers, Director of Music, Organist  
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Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vocalist:** Heather Bronson



**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are pleased to have you with us this morning. Thanks for joining us for worship today, and we hope to see you again soon!

**OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO:** Flo Bishop, as she transitions to a new skilled care facility; Jodie Castellani, Robyn's sister-in-law, as she recovers from surgery and makes decisions about ongoing treatment, following a breast cancer diagnosis; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Fred Porter, relative of the Griswolds; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Blake Joslin; Ric Morton and family; Ellen Ballow, friend of Sandy Brauer; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, and Pat Crumpler.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** The adult Sunday school class will resume on Sunday, April 18th, at 9:30. (Location still to be determined; keep watch for that announcement.) To close out the year we will read "Why Religion?" by Elaine Pagels, 21st Century Distinguished scholar of Christianity at Princeton University.

**OFFERING** We will not receive a formal offering today but offering plates are available on the small Communion table at the front of the sanctuary for you to place your offering. We are still receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, as well. Make checks to WWPC with OGHS in the memo line.

**COVER ART** "Doubting Thomas" by Nick Piliero.

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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!*