

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

April 18, 2021

11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“Easter is joy, hope, love, and renewal.  
Easter is proof that we can begin again.”*

— Richelle E. Goodrich

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”  
Arranged by Wilbur Held

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

Leader: Come, praise God all you faithful people.  
Come, for God welcomes everyone into the fold.

**People: We will praise God with reverence and joy!**

Leader: Come, praise God you who are not certain.  
Come, for God is bigger than your doubts.

**People: We will praise God with wonder and longing.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God in our diversity.  
Come, for even in our differences, we are one family!

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”  
(Please sing, or hum along silently)

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*

*‘Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,  
And from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.*

*Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts comes it’s joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection!*

*Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:  
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.*

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

**Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, caring for us when we do not care for ourselves, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your voice inside of us. May we see you in one another and in the beauty all around us. May your reality emerge deep inside each life, guiding our thoughts, our actions and relationships with you, our neighbors and ourselves. Through Christ we pray (silent prayer . . . )**

**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**

Luke 24:36-48

**THE SERMON**

*I Wonder*

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

We believe in God around us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,  
Healer and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our world.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God’s promised reign,  
Where all things are made whole,  
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God around, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever,  
the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God.

adapted from *Journey into Wholeness* by Christine Sine.

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN** “Good Christians All, rejoice and Sing!”

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph  
Of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Lord of life is risen today! Death’s mighty stone is  
Rolled away. Let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which  
Cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with  
One accord the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on GELOBT SEI GOTT”  
Arranged by Jan Bender

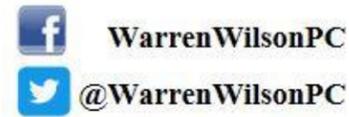
\*Please stand as you are able

**CHAPEL STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
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Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers  
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vocalist:** Robyn Castellani



**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; 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** To close out the year we will read "Why Religion?" by Elaine Pagels, 21st Century Distinguished scholar of Christianity at Princeton University. The class will meet at 9:30 via Zoom on Sunday mornings. (Please contact Steve if you'd like to be added to the distribution list for the link.)

**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.

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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!*