

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

Corrie ten Boom

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

One voice: When the seas roar and the winds howl.
Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

One voice: Though the earth should shake,
And the mountains tremble.
Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

One voice: In times of tumult
And in times of trial.
Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

All: Let us worship the living God!

From Psalm 46

*HYMN

“Live Into Hope”
Text by Jane Parker Huber, 1976
Music: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
TRURO

*UNISON PRAYER FOR PEACE

Don Collins

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St. Francis

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

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 PSALMS

Psalm 116:1-9

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“LORD, save me!”
⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
⁶ The LORD protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,
for the LORD has been good to you.
⁸ For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,
⁹ that I may walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 8:27-38

THE SERMON

What I Do Know

*HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
Music: Scottish Melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
KELVINGROVE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

I believe that in his life, Jesus reveals god in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.

I believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God’s determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.

I believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.

I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Dan Sire

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”
Text by Charles William Everest, 1833
Music: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814
BOURBON

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Joel P. Rogers, Director of Music, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle
Liturgist: Don Collins
Vocalist: Heather Bronson



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PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Doug Bradley, on the death of his brother Clifton; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Blake Joslin; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, and Pat Crumpler.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering today but offering plates are available as you gather.

PEACE PRAYER In observance of the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, we are offering the Peace Prayer by Saint Francis today, in lieu of our usual Prayer of Confession.

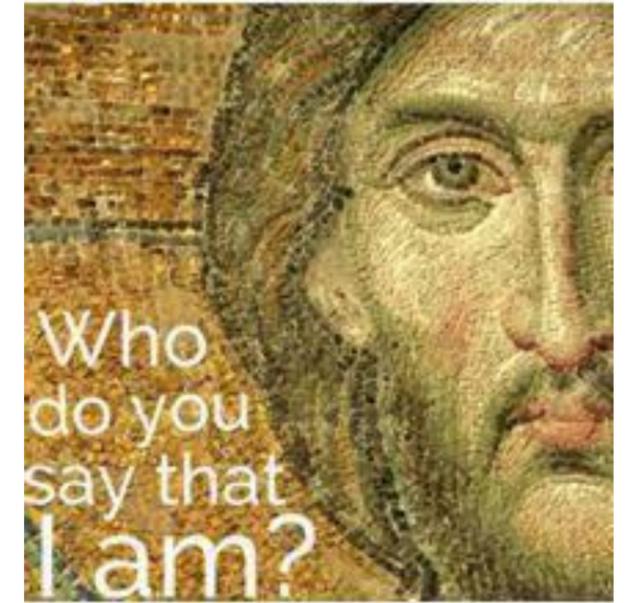
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPECIAL OFFERING - If you would like to contribute during our traditional special offering month, there are three ways to do that. 1) Through our Church website (click the Give Online button near the top right corner), 2) By check mailed to the Church office - 101 Chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, 3) By check dropped in an offering plate inside the front door of the sanctuary. If you donate by check, please write Habitat on the memo line.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Allee Williams is leading Warren Wilson Presbyterian's participation in the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's Walk for Your Neighbor this year. The Walk is scheduled for October 10, and Allee will have more information next Sunday, September 19. If you would like to sign up in advance - or if you won't be here on September 19, you can email [Corise Gambrell](mailto:Corise.Gambrell) or call her at (828) 357-5064.

CHOIR Adult choir will begin rehearsals on October 6th at 7:30 PM. (Note date change) We will continue observing whatever COVID protocols are necessary, and if we need to sing masked and socially distanced, we can do that too. We will be as flexible as we need to be to meet the demands of this pandemic. But, we will plan to lift our voices together beginning in October. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact me at joelprogers1967@gmail.com or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!

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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!