

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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.

Author unknown

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Andy Barnett

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Leader: Among the least and the last.
Women: Among the lost and the lonely.
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,
Men: in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall,
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: With a gentle touch,
Women: with a healing word,
Men: with a burning love,
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: That God's realm might come,
Men: that the powerful might stumble,
Women: that the hidden ones might be seen,
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
Women: in this place, in every place,
Men: for this time, for all time,
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*HYMN 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”
Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862
Music: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.
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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pat Levi

Holy One, we confess that we have adapted beautifully to prosperity and overloaded lives. We walk sightless among daily miracles, sightless among the poor and needy whom we pass on local sidewalks. We are sometimes deaf to the music of life, to the rhythmic pulse of our own hearts; to the beautiful melodies of food simmering and loved one's laughing. And sometimes deaf, too, to the voices that cry out to us for love and mercy – in our homes, our church, our town, our world. Forgive us. Restore our sight, our hearing, our sense of wonder. Set our hearts on fire with your own passion for love and peace and justice. Through Christ we pray (silent prayer...)

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One voice: Hear this good news – the ancient stories we share tell of God who forgives again, and again, and again.
This one who creatively finds new ways to reveal grace upon grace and love upon love.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 PROPHETS

Isaiah 58:1-9a

ANTHEM

“Be thou My Vision”
Arranged by Carlton Young

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and Thou my True word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with the Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower,
raise Thou my heavenward, O power of my power.*

*High King of Heaven my victory won.
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
O still my vision Thou ruler of all.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 16:19-31

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

“Come the Revolution”

*HYMN 320

“The church of Christ in Every Age”
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
Music: William Knapp, 1738
WAREHAM

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a world full of riches meant for all to enjoy.
We believe in one human family,
learning to live together in love, generosity and patience.
We believe in one life, which celebrates beauty and integrity,
and finds fulfillment in community and service.
We believe in one morality, whose greatest law is Love,
and whose end is a world free of poverty, ignorance,
fear and injustice.
We believe in Jesus, and what his teachings,
his life and his ministry say
about God's intentions for the world.
We believe in the Spirit,
and that God works in and through us
by the same Spirit to bring about a new world. Amen.**

Adapted from Eat, Pray, Love Liturgy

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery

*HYMN 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”
Text: Robert Grant, 1833
Music: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784
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*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

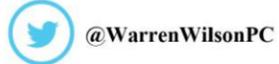
THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery, Associate in Ministry
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Coffee Hour Host: Vicki Collins
Liturgist: Pat Levi
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle



WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us on this joyous day.

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Gina Marvin's family, on her death; Barbara Howell and her husband Loren Gifford, Carla Greenfield's sister and brother in law; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Tim Joslin, Blake's brother; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Gina Marvin; Bartley and Phyllis Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother and sister in law; ; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the sanctuary, or you may mail your offering to: Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church 101 Chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or make donations directly and securely on our website by going to, warrenwilsonchurch.org

COFFEE HOUR Congregational life is pleased to announce that coffee hour is back in the parlor! (For all who have missed it being inside.) The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Refreshments should be kept simple. Coffee and lemonade are provided in the parlor kitchen along with paper goods. Thanks to everyone who signed up this past summer!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Our adult class will focus on a historical and theological exploration of some of the classic, and some newer, hymns of our faith. We will listen to the hymns together on YouTube, and then join in a discussion about the historical and cultural context in which they were written, and about the theological themes they convey. **TO START OUT, WE WILL MEET VIA ZOOM AT 9:30.** (This gives time for participants to drive to church after class!) Steve will include the Zoom link in the email he sends out prior to worship every week. If you don't get those emails, and wish to be on our mailing list, please let him know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for Youth and Children has resumed. The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start our lessons at 9:45 in the downstairs youth room. We will have interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MOMENT FOR MISSION - Please welcome Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Andy Barnett who is joining us for today's Moment for Mission and Habitat Special Offering.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA HEMPLEMAN There will be a Memorial Service for Barbara Hempleman at 10:00 a.m. on October 1, in the chapel. All are welcome to this celebration of life. A light reception will follow on the patio of Fellowship Hall.

CONCERT AND KITTREDGE RECITAL HALL DEDICATION Honoring the late Dr. Steven Williams. On October 1, from 11:30-1:00 in Kittredge Theater on campus, there will be a concert and dedication of the Dr. Steven Williams Recital Hall. The event is free, but space is limited so please contact the Advancement office on campus to RSVP for this event. advancement@warren-wilson.edu

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING We will collect the Peace and Global Witness offering on October 2 and 9. The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Please see insert.

HOMECOMING POTLUCK Following the service on Sunday, October 2, we will once again enjoy our Homecoming Potluck! It will take place in the fellowship hall and patio areas. Come chat with old friends while enjoying delicious food. This is a special time of year for the college and church. Bring your favorite covered dish (or 2!). Drop off for food items will be in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. We are looking forward to this great event!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS join us on Tuesday, October 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for The Blessing of the Animals in the grassy area on the sidewalk side of the chapel. We will bless animals first, then share food on the patio of Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All are welcome.

SVCM The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR is October 9. If you would like to walk, come to sit and visit, or make a contribution, see Allee Williams. Again this year, the funds raised will go for food, utilities, housing, and medical needs for our neighbors in the Swannanoa Valley. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM, on Sunday, October 9, at First Baptist Church in Black Mountain.

COVER IMAGE Credit: Pastor's Blog: Lutheran Memorial Church, Chicago.

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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!