

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"We turn with hope...to Him who walked the dusty paths of villages we now reverently call the Holy Land, to Him who caused the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the dead to live. To Him who tenderly and lovingly assured us,
'I am the way, the truth, and the life'(John 14:6)."
--The New Era, April 1991*

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
(FOUNDATION)

Vivian Hare
arr. Wood

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Leader: And Jesus said, "Come!"

To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"

People: We come to worship the God who creates us.

Leader: To the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"

To all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

People: We come to worship the God whose name is Love.

Leader: To all who are weary and bear heavy burdens,
Jesus said, "Come! I will give you rest."

People: We come to worship the God who sustains us.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

GTG #409

God Is Here!
(ABBOT'S LEIGH)

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Don Collins

Creator God, you have given birth to everything there is. You have mothered the very universe into being. In love you took on human flesh and in Christ were born of a woman, come to reveal your love for the world and for everyone in it. We respond in worship and in adoration, and join our hearts together to praise you. Through Christ we pray. Amen

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*THE GLORIA

Now let our voices raise; Alleluia! Amen!

To give to God our praise; Alleluia! Amen!

Mercy and grace abound! In God our lives are found!

Long may our joy resound; Alleluia! Amen!

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. After, children six and under, may go to the nursery. Children's bulletins and worship bags are available for older children in the Narthex of the Church to use during the service.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Don Collins

THE FIRST LESSON

I John 4:7-12

THE ANTHEM (Congregation joins on verse 6)

GTG #760

Bring Many Names

Young

(WESTCHASE)

*6) Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:*

Hail and Hosanna, great living God!

The Chapel Choir

Vivian Hare, director and organ

THE SECOND LESSON

John 14:1-14

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

A Better Way

The Response to the Word

*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

GTG #463

How Firm a Foundation
(FOUNDATION)

*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

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Musette

Handel

*THE DOXOLOGY (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Womb of Life and Source of Being

(NETTLETON)

*Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world's awakened; you have loved us from the start.*

We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.

Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

*Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.*

Priest who shares our human struggles,

Life of Life and Death of Death,

Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.

When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,

Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, only Son:

we would praise your name forever, one in three and three in one.

We would share your life, your passion,

share your word of world made new,

ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING**

God, Be The Love to Search and Keep Me Colligan

***POSTLUDE**

Mosso Moderato Engel

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Vivian Hare, Director of Music, Organist
Sound Engineer, Patrick Sanderson
Ray Stock, Jerry VanEman, Treasurers
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer
Nan Woodard, Bookkeeper

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acolyte: **Allee Williams**

Ushers: **Sally Broughton, Ray Stock,**

Sally McDuffie, Genevieve Butler

Coffee Hour Hosts: **Mike Levi, Burnace Roberts**

Liturgist: **Don Collins**

Elder of the Week: **Kay Stockdale**



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IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU IN OUR MIDST this morning! Please sign the Friendship Book which is on the inside edge of each pew. Be sure to take a copy of our newsletter, *The Extended Family*, from the display rack in the Parlor.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR

PRAYERS: The family of Jane Nelson, on her death; Neil Satterfield; Dr. Steven Williams; Calvin Clark; Barbara Robinson, Jack Ballard's mother; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

PRAYER CATCHER FOR STEVE WILLIAMS Show your love and support for our dear friend, Steve Williams, by sharing words of blessing or offering a prayer on paper squares found in the Narthex. These offerings will be attached to ribbons hanging from our "Prayer Catcher" which we'll deliver to Steve when the wheel is full.

SIGN-UP TO HELP There is a new sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those willing to help Steve Williams with whatever he might need help with during his treatment and recovery. We are gathering names of people we can call when a need arises. Thanks to all of you!

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE (AND MANY OTHER AREAS OF CAMPUS) WILL NOT HAVE A STUDENT WORK CREW THIS SUMMER AS OF May 16. This means every church event will need people to do their set-up before and clean up after. Please plan accordingly. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those willing to volunteer a cleaning skill or work with a cleaning team this summer. Please consider volunteering to help keep our spaces clean and beautiful! Thank you.

INTER-GENERATIONAL PROJECT : SWANNANOA

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEAN-UP Join our children on May 21st at the Swannanoa Community Garden for an afternoon clean-up to prepare the garden for planting. We will leave after church. Contact Kristin Williams for directions. Bring a bag lunch and work gloves. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Last fall our children helped to clean up the last of summer produce. Now we can help prepare for summer planting - it is a fun afternoon with tasks suited to all ages. Come and support our children.

MEMORIAL SERVICE There will be a memorial service for Jane Nelson on Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 in the Chapel. A reception will follow in Ransom Fellowship Hall.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW SVCM has kicked off a capital campaign, "Hope for Tomorrow" to benefit homeless mothers and children in our valley. Currently, there are 61 identified homeless (school age) children in our local schools in Swannanoa and Black Mountain. SVCM has received a generous land donation for the purpose of building transitional apartments for seven families and a den mother. The mission is to provide hope and a safe beginning for the children, their mothers and to educate them for future jobs and housing. To find out how to contribute, please look in the Narthex for the brochure regarding this important ongoing community project.

PAVILION SERVICE Join our annual Memorial Day outdoor service on Sunday, May 28 at the Pavilion on WWC campus (11:00). Worship with us in this beautiful outdoor setting. There will be a golf cart available to take and return those who need it.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE Mark your calendars...10:00am service begins on Sunday, June 4 in the Chapel.

SPECIAL OFFERING On Sunday, June 4 we will collect our Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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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!