

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*5th Sunday after Epiphany*

February 4, 2018

11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**The Gathering of the People**

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Souper Bowl of Caring

**John Laney**

**THE PRELUDE**

*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* SACRED HARP

**Vivian Hare**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
the fish and the people.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: In success and failure,  
in sickness and health,  
in the ordinary and extraordinary.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: Enough to become one of us,  
enough to suffer along with us,  
enough to offer new life for us.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: Let us worship God!**

(By Katherine Hawker, used with permission)

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**GTG #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
(HYFRYDOL)

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of justice and love, we confess you as Creator yet we serve idols of our own making. God of compassion and grace, we confess Christ as the Teacher of teachers yet we fail to love as he instructs us. God of power and awe, we confess the Spirit as the

very breath of God yet we refuse to let our lungs be filled. Forgive and renew us; through Christ we pray. Amen

**Silent Prayer**

**\*THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of 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** **Rev. Grace Boyer**

*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 worship bags are available for older children in the Narthex of the Church to use during the service.*

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Psalm 147:1-11

**THE ANTHEM**

*You are Holy (Eres santo)* # 596  
**Carol Whittemore, drum**

The choir will be singing this hymn a few times, in unison and also as a round. The congregation is invited to sing the last time

(when directed)

**The Chapel Choir**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 3:1-17

**THE MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

*If Ever the World Needed Saving*

**The Response to the Word**

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

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 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 GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* Kirchengesang

**\*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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**\*THE INVITATION**

**\*THE COMMUNION HYMN**

**GTG #525**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
(LET US BREAK BREAD)

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

## The Sending

### \*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*We Will Go Out with Joy*  
(WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY)

GTG #539

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

*God be with you till we meet again  
loving counsels guide, uphold you  
with a shepherd's care enfold you  
God be with you till we meet again.*

GTG #541

### \*POSTLUDE

*Sizohamba Naye* *South Africa*  
(We will walk with God, my brothers/sisters)

\*Please stand as you are able

### CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Vivian Hare, Director of Music, Organist  
Ray Stock, Jerry Vaneman, Treasurers  
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer  
Nan Woodard, Bookkeeper

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: **Bill & Paulette Heck, Don & Vicki Collins**  
Liturgists: **Rev. Grace Boyer, Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**  
Coffee Hour Hosts: **Babs & Ned Gaurdenier**  
Elder of the Week: **Kathy Rouse**



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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are pleased to have you with us this morning. We invite you to join us for a cup of coffee after the service, and to stop by our Visitors Information Station in the Narthex. There you will find copies of recent newsletters and sermons, and a welcome packet that will tell you more about who we are, what we believe, and what we do. Thanks for joining us for worship today, and we hope to see you again soon!

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR

**PRAYERS:** Jack Ballard and family on the death of his mother, Barbara Robinson; Pat Crumpler; Milt Butterworth; Bill Corbin; Pam, CC's daughter-in-law; Salyna Morgan; Barbara Higgins; Dr. Steven Williams; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** A *Children's Sunday School Sign-up sheet* is available in the Narthex. A sample lesson plan is attached to the sheet. Kristin has designed a simple and meaningful plan that is enjoyable for all who are involved - it is coordinated with Steve's scripture for the day. Check thru the plans and choose a Sunday to join the group and teach our children from 9:45 to 10:45 on Sunday.

**ADULT EDUCATION** Adult Education Class January 14-February 4: "Encountering the Divine: How to experience love in the midst of all this hate." The class is focusing on spiritual practices that help us listen for and remain centered in God so that we can act out of love in the world around us. February 11-March 25 Video discussion series "Lent: The Ridiculous Journey of Following the Nobody from Nowhere."

**SOUPER SUNDAY** The most watched sporting event in our country (the Super Bowl football game) is scheduled to begin in less than eight hours; however, the national one-day, youth led effort to collect food and monetary donations to address hunger in our local communities, known as the Souper Bowl of Caring, will already be underway. Items of food have already been placed in the narthex, and following this morning's service our youth will be collecting monetary donations to help in this effort. 100% of all donations remain in our local communities, and our youth have recommended that all of this year's collection be directed to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry. The intent of this national effort is to transform the largest day of football into the largest day of caring. Please support our youth in this effort.

**UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO SUPPORT DETANEES** The Community Engagement Ministry Team invites all interested member of the congregation to join them on Monday, February 5th, to learn more about how to support our neighbors who are being detained as part of deportation actions conducted by ICE. We will look at things we can do as a congregation, and as individuals, to support our neighbors who are in need -- both those who are being detained, and their family members who remain behind. We will meet at 3:30 (on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>) in the Fellowship Hall.

**NICKEL A MEAL** The red baskets will be passed next Sunday, Feb. 11, for this month's Nickel a Meal collection.

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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!*