



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 2*

June 6, 2021 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Henderson

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Spirit of the Living God (Hymn No. 288)*

Laurel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: Come, People of God, enter this place with joy.

**People: For the Lord is good!**

Leader: Come People of God, put your trust in the Lord our God.

**People: For we look not at what is seen, but at what is unseen.**

Leader: Come People of God, yield yourself to our Beloved One.

**People: For our inner nature is being renewed day by day** (adapted from 2 Cor 4:13-5.1).

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CHORAL HYMN

*Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven! (Hymn No. 620)*

Laurel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord of mystery,  
we know that a house divided cannot stand,  
yet we continue to sow division in our friendships,**

**in our families, and in our communities.**

**Forgive our contrary natures.**

**Forgive our selfish concern that gets in the way of the common welfare.**

**Call us, again, to do your will.**

**Call us, again, to recognize as family others who also seek your will.**

**Call us to build your kingdom in unity,**

**that the house of your justice and mercy may rise strong and true, giving shelter to us all.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

ASSURANCE OF THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN

**Leader:** Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

**People:** **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news.

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Laurel Choir

## *PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138 (NRSV)

Mark 3: 20-35 (NRSV)

SERMON

*"Forgiveness"*

The Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay

*"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins..."* Mark 3:28a (NRSV)

## *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

CHORAL HYMN

*Great God of Every Blessing (Hymn No. 694)*

Laurel Choir

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostle's Creed.* (Traditional)

Michael Henderson

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*I Shall Know Him*

Laurel Choir

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Leader: Beloved and Creator God, you commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good . . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We praise you, most holy God . . . As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise. All praise to you, Lord Jesus:



**Invitation to Move:** You are invited to stand, stretch and move about during our worship service. The restrooms are just down the hall. Your comfort is most important to us so please always know that you are welcome to move about as you need to.

**Mask On or Mask Off?** Given the recommendation of our COVID Task Force, following the guidance of the CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Session has decided that beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> you may opt to go maskless if you are vaccinated. We encourage you to consult your medical team for what is best for your wellbeing and to practice accordingly.

**The COVID Task Force:** Is hard at work studying how we might phase in the other elements of our worship and community life : ). Stay tuned.

**Bulletin Announcements Best Guide:** Please use this as your church event planner for our life together. Sometimes the schedule needs to shift from what is posted in our newsletter.

**Worship Production Team (WPT):** A special thank you to Duane Berger, Rudy van't Riet, Ann Whitby and Steve Scarce for recording and producing our worship services.

**Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Hospitality:** We are awkwardly finding our way back to normal after 16-months of living the secluded life where we have had to be extremely cautious to protect each other and ourselves from the virus. As we re-enter the social arena again, let us greet each other with hearty hellos, smiling eyes and Laurel Love. Let our joy resonate through our warmth and our loving greeting of one another.

**Come Back When You're Ready:** Please know that we love you and want you to make attendance choices that reflect what is best for your well-being. We understand if you still prefer to stay at home. We are a judgement free zone : )

**Women's Circle:** We will gather Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, to continue to examine our Christian practices. Carol Short will facilitate.

**Fireside Happy Hour (FHH) and S'more's Night** - Next Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, please come enjoy some s'mores as we gather in the church parking lot around our firepit. Bring your favorite libation along for this twofer.

**Laurel Vision Team:** We are meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> right after church in the fellowship hall. We will determine our meeting and platform schedule (in-person or Zoom) at that time. If you feel called to be part of this work, your voice is welcomed. Just bring your Laurel love, dreams and calendar : )

**Post-Pandemic Re-entry Gathering:** Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30-4:00pm. We will continue the conversation of grieving our losses and moving forward in this new world.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Save the date. We are doing the big reveal, an outdoor worship and cookout to celebrate how God has brought us through this ordeal. No masks required.

**LIVE from Laurel Pres!** You can now connect to us at our regular worship time and worship alongside Laurel family. Just go to our website, click Services, and this will bring you to our YouTube page. This should play automatically.

**Our Choir rehearses every Thursday Night:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Please join us!

**Our Tithes and Our Offerings:** Please mail in your tithes and offerings using our post office address: P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280

**Call to Prayer:** Let us give thanks to God for making love known in the diversity of the three persons.

**Rev. Ann's New Cell:** Please feel free to text or call Ann at (804) 508-3850. Indicate whether or not your need is time sensitive.

**Rev. Ann will be on study leave through next Sunday:** Should you have a pastoral concern in the interim, please reach out to our Shepherd on Call or our Member Care Team listed on the back of this bulletin.

**June Shepherd of the Month:** Please reach out to Barbara Rose, the Shepherd of the month, at (804) 749-3209 for member care and TLC.

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