



**LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Welcomes You to Worship

Pentecost 4

June 20, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God (Hymn No. 288)

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: Lift up your voice!

People: Let us worship the Beloved One, who creates us.

Leader: Shout out your love!

People: Let us worship the Risen One, who lives among us.

Leader: Raise your arms and dance!

People: Let us worship the Holy Fire, who renews us!

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING LOVE

*HYMN # 463

How Firm A Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever Forgiving One, you love us steadfastly, but we have trouble reflecting your hope, joy and peace; you call us to come, but our courage falters; you reveal yourself to us, but our eyelids grow heavy; you lead us toward our neighbor, but

we build walls around ourselves; you hate evil, injustice and alienation, but we have adjusted to it.

O Beloved One, help us to see ourselves and our neighbors as you see us; infuse us with your mercy and peace so that we might offer hope; give us a sense of your loving presence in our suffering so we don't lose heart; and draw us by your Spirit's tether into your forgiving, renewing, and enchanting grace, so love is made known. For we pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, who is, and was, and always will be, our Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: We are created in the very image and likeness of God. And because we are, we can always begin again and again to claim the love that claims us in Christ.

Beloved, believe this good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*OUR RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46 (NRSV)

ANTHEM INTRODUCTION

Gladys Bowls

CHORAL ANTHEM

Inscription of Hope

Laurel Choir

Today's anthem, Inscription of Hope, is sung in honor of Frances Nunnally, of Richmond, VA, nearing 100 years of age, who is a survivor of the Holocaust.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4: 35- 41 (NRSV)

MEDITATION

"Be Still and Know"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.3

Michael Henderson

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Breathe On Me Breath of God (Hymn No. 286)

Laurel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

Laurel Choir

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

***The Asterisk is Back:** Please feel free to stand (or not) at these junctures in our worship service.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to greet each other with air hugs, waves and elbow bumps.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers this day are given by Barbara and Pete Rose to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara's great-aunt, Elizabeth.

Lay Reader: Thank you to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgist today.

Happy Father's Day: Thank you to all of you who have served in a father's role – whether as a coach, mentor, teacher, big brother, or biological parent. Your sacrificial love, like a mother's

love, builds us into a stronger and more cohesive human family. On this day, we are sending gratitude for your love and care.

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 key, so please know that you are always welcomed to move :)

Mask On or Mask Off? Starting today, *if fully vaccinated*, we are free to go without a mask, but all are welcome to continue masking for health or comfort.

The COVID Task Force Recommendations Adopted: The COVID Task Force met on May 30th and sent recommendations to the Session that have been adopted.

Now What? Starting today, the choir will be singing without masks because they are all vaccinated, the coffee station will be back in place with an extra hand sanitizer station, social distancing will be a thing of the distant past, and Lingerings will begin again in the fall. Communion will stay the same . . . what is not to love about the all-in-one cup? We will include the offering once we have the ushers in place, and we can begin meeting in person without regard to social distancing. Look for our hymnals and Bibles to return this summer, and for you to enter through the front doors. And last but not least, you may sing to your heart's content, or as you are comfortable :). Rejoice, people of God, we are in a good place!

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.

Laurel Vision Team: We are meeting next Sunday, June 27, right after church in the fellowship hall. We will determine our meeting and platform schedule (in-person or Zoom) at that time. All are welcomed. Just bring your Laurel love, dreams and calendar :)

Post-Pandemic Re-entry Gathering: Wednesday, June 30, 2:30-4:00pm. We will continue the conversation on grieving our losses and moving forward in this new world.

July 4th: We are holding an outdoor worship hymn sing, with a cookout, to celebrate how God has brought us through these last 16 months of pandemic living. Please wear your picnic clothes and bring something to share. Hot dogs and ice tea will be provided. We will also have ingredients available for making s'mores.

Presbytery Meeting: Linda Coulson and Rev. Ann attended an all-day Presbytery meeting this past Tuesday. Feel free to stop and ask them what they learned about our collective walk together as the larger Body of Christ.

Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Hospitality: As we re-enter the social arena again, let us greet each other with hearty hellos, smiling faces and Laurel Love. Let our joy be made known in our greetings as we begin to relax the restrictions that have kept us apart for so long.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can now connect to us at our regular worship time and worship alongside our Laurel family. Just go to our website (laurelpres.com), choose the Services tab, and follow the link to our YouTube page. The service should play automatically.

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

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.

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 each one of us.

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

Friday, Dedicated Day Off: Rev. Ann is taking Fridays off and one other day during the seven-day week that will flex depending on the needs of our congregation for the week.

Pastoral Care: Please call or text the Rev. Ann Cherry at **804-508-3850**, or email her at laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com. Please indicate whether or not your matter is time sensitive :)

June Shepherd of the Month: Please reach out to Barbara Rose, the Shepherd of the month, at (804) 270-0571 for member care and TLC.

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