



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 5*

June 27, 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: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear our voice!

**People: We wait for the Lord, our soul waits for the Lord!**

Leader: We wait for the Lord, our soul waits, and in God's Word, we hope.

**People: Our soul waits for the Lord more than those who  
watch for the morning!**

Leader: Let us wait for the Lord with hope and anticipation.

**People: We hope in the Lord, for with the Lord, there is  
steadfast love and forever grace. (Based on Psalm 130)**

\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into**

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

*How Lovely, Lord*

*Hymn No. 402*

## RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, you reach out to include every one of us in your circle of love. You radically include us all and see each one of us as kingdom people. You meet us where we struggle, you touch our lives with mystery and hope, and you ask us to believe where we have not seen. Yet, we want to draw a circle around who is inside and who is not, while our fear seems to cloud our sightings of you. And our anxiety leaches us of our faith, and our doubts get in the way of our desire for your presence more than anything else. Free us from these human reactions and kindle our hearts to seek you out like the hemorrhaging woman who risked everything to grab hold of your garment, and the Jewish leader who tracked you down to heal his daughter. Give us the same heart that is restless until we rest in you. 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.

Friends, believe this good news!

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

\*RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

*Hymn No. 581*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## *PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5: 21-43 (NRSV)

CHORAL ANTHEM

*My Hiding Place*

Laurel Choir

SERMON

*"Be Made Well"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

## *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*HYMN

*We Come to You For Healing Lord*

*Hymn No. 796*

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1967 (The Love of God)*

Michael Henderson

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of *our* minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals *God's* love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in the receiving of sinful *people*. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who make all things to serve the purpose of *God's* Love.**

**God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of *God's* dealings with *humankind*. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

\*RESPONSE

*Breathe On Me, Breath Of God*

*Hymn No. 286*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

## *BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

\*SENDING HYMN

*Fight the Good Fight*

*Hymn No. 846*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

\*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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**\* Please feel free to stand during our worship service.**

**Passing of the Peace:** You are invited to greet each other in the name of our Beloved One.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day by Carolyn Stringer to the glory of God and in honor of her Laurel Church friends.

**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 : )

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

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

**Now What?** The Session adopted the COVID Task Force recommendations and starting June 20th, the choir is singing without masks because they are vaccinated, the coffee station is back in place with an extra hand sanitizer station, social distancing is a thing of the distant past, and Lingerin'g's will begin again in the fall. Communion will stay the same as it was throughout COVID, we will include the offering this fall, the front door is unlocked, and we can meet in person without regard to physical distancing. And last but not least, you may sing to your heart's content, or as you feel comfortable : ). Rejoice, people of God, we are in a good place!

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

**Laurel Vision Team:** We are meeting today right after church in the fellowship hall. We will determine our meeting and platform schedule (in-person, by Zoom, or a combination thereof). All are welcomed. Just bring your Laurel love, dreams and calendar : )

**Post-Pandemic Re-entry Gathering:** This Wednesday, June 30, from 2:30-4:00 pm. We will continue the conversation of pandemic reflections – what we have learned, hope to change, and wish to keep in our lives.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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 iced tea will be provided. We will also have ingredients available for making s'mores. We are pitching the tent in the far corner of the parking lot under a shady batch of trees for extra comfort and accessibility. Bring your lawn chair if you will be more comfortable than sitting in our fellowship hall chairs.

**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 warmth and friendship and care for one another.

**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.

**Choir Rehearsals on Summer Break!** You can join us again in September.

**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](mailto:laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com). Please indicate whether or not your matter is time sensitive : )

**June and July Shepherd's of the Month:** Please reach out to Barbara Rose, the Shepherd of the month for June, at (804) 270-6978, or Judy Smith for July at (804) 273-6007, for member love and TLC.

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