



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

6th Sunday of Pentecost

July 4, 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

*GATHERING HYMN *My Country, 'Tis of Thee - All Verses (see Booklet)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: When pain tears at our hearts,

People: God's grace will be our guide.

Leader: When doubts mount up within our souls,

People: God's strength will be our guide.

Leader: When hardship weakens our resolve,

People: God's mercy will be our guide.

Leader: When a pandemic threatens all that we cherish,

People: God's courage will be our guide.

Leader: When all else fails,

People: God's presence will be our guide.

*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

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - All Verses (see Booklet)

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all life, we have refused to give our neighbors the honor they deserve. We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us. We have rejected your nudging's as surely as the Pharisees did. Status drives us. The way we have always done things, drives us. Gossip lures us. Change scares us. We choose chaos over kindness, and disconnection over spiritual bonds. We choose our own comfort rather than offering others hospitality and grace. May our hearts repent, returning to them to you. May our souls reconnect, returning to our neighbor. May our spirits align with yours, returning to your voice. 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!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24 (NSRV)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1: 3-6; 8b-14 (NSRV)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Don't Look Back

Laurel Choir

HYMN SING (*See Booklet*)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Verses 1 & 4

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Verses 1 & 3

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - Verses 1 & 4

Be Thou My Vision - Verses 1, 2, & 4

The Old Rugged Cross - Verses 1 & 4

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Verses 1 & 3

Just a Closer Walk with Thee - Verses 1 & 3

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound - Verses 1, 3, & 5

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine - Verses 1 & 3

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies - Verses 1, 3 & 4 (see Booklet)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

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

4th of July Gratitude: Thank you to David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, for the booklet of hymns, to our choir for their leadership, and to all of you for making this outdoor worship special. We would especially like to thank the elders of the 3 Teams that coordinated this joint venture. Sending out lots of gratitude to Mary Jane Bowlin, Diane Jackson, Linda Coulson, Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, Stephen Scarce, Duane Berger and Michael Henderson.

Happy 4th of July! We are so grateful to God for bringing us through this pandemic year. All praise, honor and glory are yours, our Beloved One. You will hear our bell tolling in celebration of this remarkable year of adaptation, grace and Passover.

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.

Fireside Happy Hour (FHH) and S'more's Night - This Wednesday, July 7th, 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 fun night.

Invitation to Move: You are invited to stand, stretch and move about during our worship service. Your comfort is key, so please know that you are always welcomed to get up and move :)

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.

Choir Rehearsals are on Summer Break: 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.

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 Rev. Ann at **804-508-3850** or email her at laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com. If you do not hear from Ann within a timely fashion, please feel

free to use her personal cell to reach out, 804-873-1990. When you do reach out, be sure to let her know if this is a time-sensitive matter. She wants to be present to us :)

July Shepherd of the Month: Please reach out to Judy Smith, the Shepherd of the month for July, for member care and TLC, at (804) 273-6007.

L a u r e l P r e s b y t e r i a n C h u r c h

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