



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 8

July 18, 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: I will sing of your steadfast love forever, my Beloved.

People: With forthright voice I will proclaim your goodness to all generations.

Leader: For your abiding love rules the universe.

People: Your faithfulness extends throughout the firmament.

Leader: Your Covenant from the beginning of time encompasses all who choose to walk the path of Love;

People: And to all generations that honor your Word, will Love make itself known ** *(Based on Psalm 89: 1-4, see © Merrill, Nan, C. 2002, credit below)*

*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

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart!

Hymn No. 804

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, our Cornerstone, and our template of kingdom living, we come from a world of division and long for the promise of your realized kingdom. Remind us again of your work of reconciliation—reconciliation that breaks down the barriers of hatred in our lives, in our communities, and in our world. You dwell among us, but we often treat each other as alien residents, rather than as fellow children of God. Unite us together, bond us by your love, and enrich us to love our differences, so you may dwell in joy among your people, for we pray this through 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

Ephesians 2: 11-22 (NRSV)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon

Laurel Choir

SERMON

"Kingdom Knowing"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

*O Sing to the Lord**Hymn No. 637*

*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

*When In Our Music God Is Glorified**Hymn No. 641*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

Call to Worship: Today our Call to Worship comes from Praying the Psalms, © Merrill, Nan, C. 2002, *Praying the Psalms: An Invitation to Wholeness Continuum US*, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. Used with the permission of the publisher.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Laurel Presbyterian Church to the glory of God, and in honor of J. David Clatterbuck, in tribute to his 15-years of faithful service to us. He has made love known to us through his love of God, talent and presence in music.

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

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 welcome to move :)

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

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.

Show your Love for Coal Pit Learning Center: New and used books are needed for 3-and 4-year-olds. Just bring and leave underneath the coat rack hooks :). Your love is appreciated.

Bruster's Night Out: Come bring your summer love and join us for ice cream (Dutch Treat) at 7 pm on Thursday July 22nd.

Laurel Vision Team: We are meeting next Sunday, July 25th, right after church in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend. We will be talking about our vision for the church plant and the lived experience of a visitor from social media to worship to parking lot.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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. Please feel free to use her personal cell to reach out at 804-873-1990 if she misses a call/text on the church cell. She wants to be present to us :)

July Shepherd of the Month: Judy Smith is our Shepherd of the month for July. You can reach her at (804) 273-6007 for member care and TLC.

Call to Prayer: Let us give thanks to God for making love known through each one of us.

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