



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 19

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 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

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: From the ends of the earth, we have gathered here in communion.

People: **The poor and the rich, the broken and the healed, the unseen and the seen, the hurting and the joyful.**

Leader: From the ends of the earth, we have gathered here as One Body around your table.

People: **We come from the ends of the earth to take our seats at the table to continue co-participating in your unfolding love story that welcomes and includes us all.**

*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

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand Vs. 1,2 & 4

Hymn No. 331

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, from the beginning of time you have called your people into communion with you and each other. You have called us into relationship to know as we are known. Yet, like our ancestors before us, we too, have often found solace in the wrong places; solace apart from you, solace that missed out on soaking in your gaze of loving kindness. Help us to embrace your radical inclusivity, your radical union, your radical gift of love. Kindle in us the joy of the rediscovery that we all carry your DNA, we all are made in your image and likeness, and we all are connected. Give us the sight to see where we have not seen, hearts to trust that your goodness is good, and the grace to surrender to something bigger than ourselves, for we pray this 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 Ones, 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!

CHORAL 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 10:13-16 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3: 23-28 (NRSV)

SERMON

"As a Little Child"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom Vs. 1,2 & 4

Hymn No. 378

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

Michael Henderson

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
 who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come to Me

Laurel Choir

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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:

People: Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Hymn No. 675

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God.

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.

Invitation to Move or Not: You are invited to stand, stretch, and move during our worship service or even to remain seated. Your comfort is key, so make yourself at home.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to greet each other with **air hugs** and waves in the name of our Beloved One as one awesome way to show forth your Laurel Love :)

World Communion Sunday: In unity with the rest of Christianity, we are celebrating World Communion Sunday today. When you receive communion this day, think of all the others who are joined with us at table. Truly, Love is truly broken open here.

Peace and Global Witness Offering Received Today: The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord, and division, and to embrace God's reconciling mission with those around the world (2 Thess 3:16). Please earmark your checks with "Peace Offering." and give generously.

Lay Reader Training Today: We will meet right after worship, where we will provide pro tips for leading worship. If you have energy for this, please join us. It will not last long :)

Coffee Bar: Thanks to the creative genius of Ann Whitby and the Vision Task Force, we have a new coffee bar in the Narthex outfitted with high test and decaf options. This is love in action. Please enjoy a cup :)

Ushers: If you have a gift for welcoming others, we would love to have you sharing some Laurel Love Sunday mornings. Please use the Sign-Up sheet in the hallway to make your love known.

Church Picnic, All Hallows Eve - Saturday, October 30th: Bring your spirit and join us from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm on October 30th. We will be providing fried chicken and ask that you sign up to bring one side. Denis Ramdas (11133 Mill Place Court, Glen Allen, VA) is generously allowing us to enjoy this fall harvest on his lovely property.

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Nominating Committee and Officers of our Corporation: A big shout-out to these people for assuming a servant leadership role in the life of Laurel.

Our Nominations Committee: Duane Berger, Chair; Gladys Chamberlayne, Judy Smith, and Rudy van't Riet.

Our Corporation Officers: Linda Coulson, President; Gladys Bowls, Secretary; Rob McBane, Treasurer.

“Feeding the Police” Temporarily Postponed: Due to the uptick in COVID-19 numbers in Henrico County, the police have requested that we put these luncheons on hold until numbers abate. Thank you for your support and love.

Small Group Modification: Due to overlapping interest in both groups, the second group, **The Way to Love**, will be led next fall and will not convene on Tuesday as previously scheduled.

Dust, Night, Dawn meets Thursday at 1pm: This group led by **Chris Rhoden** of VCU is reading **Dusk, Night, Dawn** by Anne Lamott. The focus is tackling our thinking around the third third of life, and the perceptions (and misperceptions of) beauty. We are intentionally identifying meaning and purpose in our lives. This group is meeting in the sanctuary.

Masks Recommended: Given significant rise in COVID-19 cases in Virginia due to the more infectious Delta variant, your Session is now recommending that we mask indoors. This recommendation is made regardless of our vaccination status. Please sit every other pew and make use of the hand sanitizing stations.

Singing: There are options for us to participate in worship even when masked. We can hum, tap, and clap to show our love of God. If you are missing singing, please consider ordering one of the Broadway masks that David Clatterbuck, our Director of Music, ordered for our choir last fall. Here is that link: <https://www.broadwayreliefproject.com/singersmask>

Call for Pictures: Our projector is being repaired thanks to the loving care of Duane Berger, and Ann and Michael Whitby. Soon we are going to begin featuring the faces of Laurel Love before worship each Sunday. Please send your pictures to Duane Berger at otm88@rcn.com.

Choir Rehearsals: All those interested in singing in the choir, please join us on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. We will be wearing the Broadway Singing Masks.

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.

Good Samaritan Offering: We are accepting the Good Samaritan offering today. Please earmark your check in the memo line for Good Samaritan. This is how we touch those in our community with love.

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 use her personal cell (804-873-1990) if she misses a call/text on the church cell. She wants to be present to us :)

October Shepherd of the Month: Carol Short is our Shepherd of the Month for October. You can reach her at (804) 922-6227. Shepherds provide member care and TLC.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can connect to us at our regular service time and worship alongside of us. Go to laurelpres.com, choose the “worship” tab, and follow the link to YouTube page.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those who are suffering, who are marginalized, who are without voice, and who are seekers of love.

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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“Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”
Mark 10:15

Let Love Be Known Here