



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 6 pm

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete MacRae

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: **God's love endures forever.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **God's love endures forever.**

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (vs. 1&4)

Hymn No. 299

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender and trustworthy God, we have turned away from you by not embracing your image and likeness inside of us. We have turned away from you by not recognizing your image and likeness in our neighbor. We have turned away from you in a

million little ways and have missed out on living our best lives inside of yours. Forgive our misunderstanding of who we are, both as individuals, and as your people. Lead us back to encounter you as you are, both the hard reality and the hope that love lives and lives in each one of us. Energize us to follow your Son into the wilderness, for we pray this in the name of our Suffering Servant, 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 grow in deeper likeness. Friends believe this good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

PROCLAIMING LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING
(NRSV)

Joel 2: 12b-13, 15-19

ANTHEM

More Love to Thee

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING
(NRSV)

Matthew 6: 19-21

LENTEN DEVOTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RECEIVING LOVE

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (v.1)

Hymn 450

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Pete MacRae /Ann Cherry

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offences.

People: Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Leader: And so you are justified when you speak, and upright in your judgment.

People: For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Leader: Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

People: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

People: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Spirit from me.

Leader: Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

People: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

People: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise (Based on Psalm 51).

PRAYER

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember you are love, and to Love you will return.

PRAYER

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1&3)

Hymn 166

CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

Lay Reader: Thank you to Pete MacRae for serving as our liturgist today.

Imposition of Ashes: Please pick up your ashes where you find communion cups and make the sign of the cross on your forehead when led to do so.

Lenten Practice: Now is a good time to begin asking God how we might walk with our Suffering Servant through these upcoming 40 days of Lent. Traditionally, this is a time of soul searching, of prayer, of contemplation. Many people give up things for Lent as one way to practice this solidarity. Other ideas? What about adding an act of loving kindness each day to expand Jesus's footprint of love in the world? Or, expanding practices of caring for ourselves so God's love is known here too - eating for our health, or gently exercising, or adding dedicated time with God. All of these ways would help us to know the love of God in the details of our living and in our world.

Leading with the Heart of God: A Lenten formation chart is provided to help you let God move you from the inside out. Please adapt it so it is useful to you. This will also be emailed to you and be posted to our website.

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: This is Lent, the season of accompanying our Suffering Servant into the wilderness. Please pray about how we might practice showing love for our neighbors and ourselves as we make this journey together.

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