



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Lent 5

April 3, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Michael Henderson

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1 & 3)*

No. 166

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tod Balsbaugh

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, who is Love.

People: We gather in the shadows of the cross as signs of God's love.

Leader: We gather to walk in spirit with our Suffering Servant.

People: We gather to thank God for the active presence of love that sustains our walk to the cross and beyond.

Leader: Let us worship our Beloved God who knows sorrow and joy.

People: We worship our Beloved God with tender and grateful hearts!

*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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus (vs. 1,3,4)

No. 630

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forever Present God, we look for easy ways out and for easy ways of getting by; but, you call us to the hard task of loving those we have not liked or bothered to know. You call us to the hard task of loving what you love, giving value and dignity to all people, as you do. We want to stay by your Suffering Servant's side as he begins his exodus to Jerusalem, but we are weary from the journey and ready for Easter. Forgive our impatience as we prepare to die to ourselves, as one with Jesus. Boost us by your presence and love and remind us we are formed and named and claimed as your beloved, and by grace, we too can embrace the hard road ahead. 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: 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. Beloved, believe this good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*OUR RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43: 16-21 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

How Beautiful

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 12: 1-8 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Perfume? Yes, Really."

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar (vs. 1,4)

No. 201

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Tod Balsbaugh

We profess that Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

*OUR RESPONSE

Doxology

Hymn No. 606

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 One, you commanded light to shine out of darkness . . .
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 . . . 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 HYMN

1 Come With Joy (Vs. 1,3, 5)

No. 515

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

David Clatterbuck

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

Lay Reader: Thank you to Tod Balsbaugh for serving as our liturgist today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God in honor of Sharon Riley who is leading the Second Chance NCAA Tourney and the Smith Family who is tied for second with the Riley Family, in the original March Madness tournament.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to stand and greet each other with waves, air hugs and elbow bumps in the name of our Beloved One to show forth your Laurel Love :)

Friendship Pads: Old and new friends, please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads. It is important that we have a way to contact you even if you think we might already have your information. Please provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews :)

Rounding the Corner of Lent: Ask God to show you how to walk with our Suffering Servant through these last 10 days of Lent. You are not too late to the practice. If you find yourself falling off, then just start again. There is no need to “get it right” or to “do it right.” There is just a standing invitation to cross-train with Jesus.

Palm Sunday: Join us next Sunday, April 10, as we celebrate Palm Sunday with waving palm branches and joyful voices, as we accompany our Suffering Servant along the parade route as he enters Jerusalem for the last time. Our choir will end our service with a special

cantata written by Lloyd Larson, called “Worthy is the Lamb: Revered King, Rejected Messiah, Risen Savior,” as we transition into Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: Join us at 6 pm on Thursday, April 14, as we celebrate the Last Supper with our Suffering Servant. We will end the service in silence, and we will strip the sanctuary of all paraments, as we prepare for the cross and tomb ahead.

Good Friday: Join us from Noon-3 pm for a self-guided experience of letting go of all that is not of God as we join in solidarity with our Suffering Servant on the cross. The sanctuary will be opened during this time for meditation and prayer.

Easter Hydrangea Orders Accepted Now: Help decorate the sanctuary with your purchase of lovely hydrangea plants. Order forms included in bulletins through April 10th. Please use this form to specify the number of plants, and the name (s) of the person (s) to be honored and/or remembered, and place your order in the “church offering house” along with a check for \$22 per plant ordered. You may also order by calling Duane Berger at (804) 876-3414 and leaving a message, or by emailing laurelpres@verizon.net. **Last day to order is Sunday, April 10th.**

First Sundays: Our team meetings will convene today, April 2, right after worship. We have three options for your consideration: Member Care & Missions (MCM) which will meet in the Parlor, Stewardship & Property (SP) which will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and Worship and Education (WE) which will meet in the choir loft. Please join us where you have joy for the work :)

Session: Our Session will meet next Sunday, April 10, immediately after worship :).

Our Circle Meets Next Tuesday April 12, 10 am: Please join us for a robust Circle meeting and study next Tuesday (April 12) in our Parlor. The meeting is moderated by Gladys Chamberlayne, and the bible study is led by Carol Short.

Our Small Group will be back on Thursday April 14: Led by **Chris Rhoden**, we are starting a new book, *Let your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer. All are welcome.

Grief Group Starting at Hope Church: A grief group will be led by Chris Rhoden at Hope Presbyterian Church at 5 pm starting on Sunday April 24th. If you have any interest in attending this group, please let Chris know by emailing him at chris@kettleofish.com. Also, if you have any interest in seeing a grief group led at Laurel, please let either Chris or Ann know :)

Choir Rehearsals: Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, know if you are interested in joining us. We practice on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

Ukraine Love: Many of you have wondered how we might support peace efforts in Europe, displaced and disrupted families, and medical aid for those impacted. The first thing we can do is to keep praying. The second thing we can do is to help fund relief efforts. You can do this through:

- The Presbyterian Church (Missions):
pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/
- The Red Cross: redcross.org/donate/donation.html/
- St. Jude’s Research Hospital (coordinating care and evacuation of children undergoing treatment): stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html

Transportation Love: Our MCM Team is coordinating rides for those unable to attend our in-person worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway if you would like to be a Laurel “uber” driver. Contact Gladys Chamberlayne or Mary Jane Bowlin if you would like to request a ride or for more information. Gladys can be reached at either sidneychamberlayne@comcast.net or 1-804-755-6172 and Mary Jane can be reached at either maryjanebowlin@gmail.com or 1-804-221-1072.

Companion Program: Member Care & Mission (MCM) is exploring whether there is a need to establish a Companion Program for members of our congregation. The companion would provide company for members of our congregation in order for their caregiver to run errands, go to lunch, or see the doctor themselves. If you and your family would be interested in this program, please contact Mary Jane Bowlin at 1-804-672-6009 (maryjanebowlin@gmail.com) or Linda Coulson at 1-804-519-4507 (appygirl2@hotmail.com).

Name Tags: The MCM Team is interested in bringing back our name tags and wondered how many of us might still have our old ones at home? If you do, please note it in the Friendship Pad.

Kettle o’Fish: Each of us is created by the God of the universe with purpose and infused with meaning - no matter the season of life in which we find ourselves. Interested in exploring yours? Give Chris Rhoden a call at 1-804-220-1583 “Be known. Be loved.”

Good Samaritan Offering: Today we will receive our Good Samaritan Offering to assist those in our community who need an extra boost of love. Please earmark your checks in the memo line with “Good Samaritan Offering.”

Weekly Tithes and Our Offerings: We have placed a small church house on the table in the Narthex and invite you to leave your gifts to support God’s work as you depart. You can also mail in your pledges and weekly offerings using our post office address: P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280

The Lamb Basket: The Circle has asked that we think outside of the pantry box and bring in canned or boxed items that we find on sale to refill our Lamb basket. The donation box is located in the Narthex.

One Captain Needed for our Online Community: We need a captain to nurture and shepherd our online community. If this opportunity captures your imagination, please reach out to Ann Cherry. Thank you to Pete MacRae for taking point on our online giving initiative and Tod Balsbaugh for taking point on stewardship.

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.

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

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.

Armchairs in the Back: We have 2 dedicated spots in the back right in front of the sound booth for those who might prefer seats with arms.

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.

Masks are Now Optional: Our Session adopted the recommendations of our COVID Task Force and masks are now optional. We want you to feel supported in whatever choice is right for you :) Lots of gratitude to the COVID Task Force of Brenda MacRae, Mary Scearce and Ann Whitby.

April Shepherd of the Month: Our Shepherd of the Month for April is Nana Sarfo-Kantanka. You can reach Nana at (804) 922-3557. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those fleeing from Ukraine, for all those providing support and supplies to refugees, and to all those working for peace. Let us be in prayer for all those fighting addiction, suffering, fighting cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, and who are marginalized in any way. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in our Suffering Servant, by making love known through our healing work.

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

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry, Minister

J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Chris Rhoden, Small Group Leader/Therapist in Residence

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