



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 10:00 AM

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 197

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: The very stones are shouting out!

People: The very stones are singing!

Leader: Blessed is the king, who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: There is peace in heaven and glory on high! (Luke 19-37-40)

*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.

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1 & 2)

No. 196

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the sacred, we confess that we have not seen you in everyone and everybody, preferring to decide for ourselves who is worthy of your DNA stamp. Preferring to decide for ourselves who is in Christ and who is not. As we sing our "hosannas"

today, remind us that this epic love story includes even the likes of us, as well as those we have loved and those we have yet to love. Keep transforming us so that as kingdom people we might always see with your eyes, for we pray this in the name of our Suffering Servant, who is and was and always will be, our Christ.

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
581

Gloria Patri

Hymn No.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN
No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 3 & 4)

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Gladys Chamberlayne

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

CANTATA

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Laurel Choir

WRITTEN BY LLOYD LARSON

Narrators – Diane Jackson & Michael Whitby

*Worthy Is the Lamb * Blessed Is the King! Hosanna!*

*At the Lamb's Feast We Sing * We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray*

On the Cross

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

Leader: O God, the source of our passion, the fulfillment of our deepest longing, may you graciously behold this your family, for whom our Suffering Servant was willing to die, and for whom we constantly betray.

People: **Grant us your persistent love, to wave him on, to sit with him at table, and to meet him at the tomb – as he suffers alongside us.**

Leader: And now may the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, be with us this day and forever more.

People: **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

A Special Thank You to Our Choir Members: Duane Berger, Janice Berger, Gladys Bowles, Mary Jane Bowlin, Kathy Boyce, Vickie Chaplin, Clint Miller, Glenda Miller and Carol Short, and to our narrators, Diane Jackson and Michael Whitby. A very special thank you to our guest singers, Rick Glass and Carson Kolb, and to our precious Music Director, J. David Clatterbuck.

Lay Reader: Thank you to Gladys Chamberlayne and Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Phyllis Perross to the glory of God in memory of her sister, Muriel Perross.

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. Please provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews :)

Walking Through Holy Week: We leave worship today beginning our walk with our Suffering Servant through his last supper, his betrayal, his false charges of sedition, his crucifixion, his death, and finally his burial – and then we wait in silence. As hard as it is, try to join your heart with his. Try to keep your eyes on his eyes to see it all, and then when the time comes, sit in silence with the emptiness of the tomb. Try to let go of all that is not you at the core and trust that our Beloved One is at work making love known through it all.

Palm Sunday: Today we are celebrating 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 on Friday, April 15, 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.

Of Special Note: We will be providing fish sandwiches and hot cross buns for those travelers of the cross :)

Easter Sunday: Please bring snippets from your gardens to flower the cross to celebrate the gift of forever love.

Easter Hydrangea Orders Accepted Now: Today is the Last Day to order. 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 number of plants, and the name (s) of the person (s) to be honored and/or remembered, and place 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.

Our Circle Meets on Tuesday April 12, 10 am: Please join us for a robust Circle meeting and study on 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 start again on Thursday at 1 pm: We are starting a new book, *Let your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer. This would be an awesome point to join the conversation. Chris Rhoden facilitates this group.

Firepit Happy Hour and S'mores: Join us next Wednesday, April 26th, to celebrate the awesomeness of Easter with a BYOB and S'mores event in the church parking lot around a roaring firepit. All are welcome :)

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.

Congratulations to our March Madness Winners: Judy Smith and Sharon Riley win, with Sharon landing the second-chance win. They score bragging rights & Costco sized Peanut M&Ms.

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).

Kettle o'Fish Counseling: Each of us is created by God with purpose and infused with meaning no matter our season of life. If you are interested in exploring yours, please reach out to Chris Rhoden at 1-804-220-1583. "Be known. Be loved."

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.

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 Scarce and Ann Whitby.

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.

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.

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