



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Easter 3

May 1, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sue Bell

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Is Alive!

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete MacRae

Leader: Sing praises for the Lord, O Faithful Ones!

People: We come to give thanks to our Beloved One.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night . . .

People: But joy comes in the morning.

Leader: Love always wins!

People: And we always are God's Easter People (adapted from Psalm 30).

*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

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

No. 242

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we can be so certain that we know the lay of the land. So certain that we know what is best for us and each other. So certain that we know your plans for us that we even leave you behind. Like Paul on the road to Damascus, stop us cold with your truth. Awaken us to see the vision you have for us as your Easter people. By your overflowing love, provide us with the best path forward to live from this place of good news. By your grace, show us how to live as beloved ones and how to share this news for all people, for we pray this in the name of the Risen One, 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

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

John 21:1-9 (The Message)

ANTHEM

Bread of Our Souls

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 21:10-19 (The Message)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Follow Me"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (vs. 1,2,3)

No. 314

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed 1.2

Pete MacRae

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

*OUR RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn No. 609

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

Jesus Calls Us (vs. 1,3,4)

No. 720

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

Lay Reader: Thank you to Carol Short for serving as our liturgist today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God and in honor of our bulletin runners, Carolyn Stinger and LaVerne Miller, who show us weekly love.

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 :)

First Sundays: Our team meetings will convene today, May 1, 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 :)

Firepit Happy Hour and S'mores THIS TUESDAY: Join us this Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 pm to bask in the afterglow of Easter Love with a BYOB and S'mores event in the church parking lot around a roaring fire. All are welcomed :)

Our Small Group meets 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.

Serving Lunch to HCPD: An outreach of MCM Team, Sue Bell is coordinating our feeding of the police and 911 dispatchers on May 10th in Sandston. Sue will relay what is needed in today's Minute for Mission, but we can prepare sandwiches, a cold side, munchies, cookies and cupcakes (individually wrapped), and water. We will meet at noon in the parking lot on the 10th to carpool to HCPD.

Our Circle Meets Next Tuesday May 10, 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.

Thank you for the Baby Gear! Your love is precious. Thank you for the outpouring of baby gear to assist single moms at CrossOver OB clinic and the Latino's Empowerment Program. This was a partnership with First Presbyterian Church. Thank you to Member Care and Missions and to Brenda and Pete MacRae, Diane Jackson, Linda Coulson and Mary Scarce for overseeing.

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.

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

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."

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.

Congratulations to our March Madness Winners: At last, our March Madness winners, Judy Smith and Sharon Riley are scoring their Costco sized Peanut M&Ms :). Congratulations!

Documentarian Sought: If you are a detailed person, love to organize, like to track data, please let Rev. Ann know. We are seeking a Documentarian for our Clerk of Session to maintain our church records.

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.

May Shepherd of the Month: Our Shepherd of the Month for May is Judy Smith. You can reach Judy at (804) 272-6007. 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, fighting cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, and who are suffering or marginalized in any way. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in our Risen One, by making love known through our healing work.

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