



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Easter 4

May 8, 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

Duane Berger

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

There Is Beauty All Around

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: The Holy One knows each sheep, calling us by name.

People: We hear the voice of our Risen One, we will dare to follow him.

Leader: The Holy One sees our needs, feeding us with wisdom and truth.

People: We know the voice of this Risen One, leading us to goodness and peace.

Leader: The Holy One protects and guides us, showing us the way to eternal life.

People: Let us worship our Risen One who calls us here to know Love.

*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

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

No. 824

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of second chances, you call us to follow you, but we would rather keep you nailed to the cross and fixed in time. You call us to worship a living God, but we would rather keep you entombed. You call us by name to follow you, but we would rather use our own GPS devices, and can't seem to hear your directions above our own. You give us lasting food so that we might feed your sheep, but we turn our noses up at what is on the menu. You long to give us forever life and yet we want to negotiate the terms. Help us to separate your voice from the rest. Help us to dare to follow you even when it scares us. Help us to let go of our monuments so that we might embody your movement, and to carry that energy forward to feed your sheep, 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

Ezekiel 34: 1-6; 11-16

(NRSV) ANTHEM

Feed My Sheep

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 10: 22-30 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Really, Follow Me"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

No. 182

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed 1.2

Gladys Chamberlayne

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs. 1,2,4)

No. 187

*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 Gladys Chamberlain for serving as our liturgist today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God, by Glenda and Clint Miller and Howard Lawrence, in honor of Mary Lawrence on Mother's Day.

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 :)

Happy Mother's Day: A big shout-out to all those people who have nurtured life among us. Your loving presence, cultivation of our true self, and willingness to see the best in us made the critical difference. Sending love to all who have served this role in our lives. We would not be who we are without you :)

Serving Lunch to HCPD: As an outreach of MCM Team, we are serving lunch to our police officers and 911 dispatchers on May 10th in Sandston. We are feeding 50 people and preparing sandwiches, a cold side, munchies, cookies and cupcakes (individually wrapped), and water. Please contact either Sue Bell (804-266-9429) or Mary Jane Bowlin (804-672-6009) with what you are providing and your number of items. We will meet at noon in the parking lot on the 10th to carpool to HCPD.

Circle Enjoying Lunch on Tuesday: Please join us for a robust Circle gathering at 11:30 am at Nick's Roman Terrace in the Westland Shopping Center.

Bruster's Love: Join us on Thursday, at 6:45pm, at Bruster's for some ice cream love. Bring your love of conversation and ice cream to the umbrella tables.

Our First Small Group Meets on Thursdays at 1 pm: We have started a new book, *Let your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer. Chris Rhoden is facilitating this group.

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.

Seminary Intern this Summer: Our Session is thrilled to host Hannah Miller this summer at Laurel. Hannah is completing her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She will be with us from June 12 through August 17. You will see her in the pulpit, making pastoral calls, and getting to know you as she learns the ropes and the practice of speaking love through this church. Our team to support Hannah is Duane Berger, Mary Jane Bowlin, Diane Jackson, Brenda MacRae and Judy Smith.

Two Community Groups Coming to Laurel: Chris Rhoden is forming a community "Writing Group" that will meet weekly starting June 23rd at 3 pm in our Parlor. The cost for this group is \$75 for 4 meetings. He is also forming a community "Present Group" which is designed to meet the needs of those with memory struggles. The time for Present will be announced in the next few weeks and the cost will be \$30 a meeting. If you have any interest in either or both of these two groups, please reach out to Chris at 1-(804) 220-1583. If you would like to participate but cost is a factor, there are options: (1) pay what you can (2) pay it forward with community service (3) reach out to Rev. Ann for financial assistance.

Uncorked: Rev. Ann is organizing a group of women to meet Tuesdays once a month at 5:30 pm to mull over contemporary issues with a faith lens. Wine and cheese will be served. We will meet for the first time on May 31 in the parlor.

Session: Our Session will meet next Sunday, May 15, right after worship.

Vision Task Force: Our Vision Task Force will meet Sunday, May 22, after worship.

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.

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

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.

Documentarian Sought: If you are a detail 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 Searce 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 for 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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