



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 2

June 19, 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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Short

Leader: O God, my God, how majestic is your holy name!

People: You pour out your love on both the just and the unjust.

Leader: What are humans that you are mindful of them?

People: Yet, you have made us in your image and likeness, and we are awed.

Leader: God, our Beloved God, how beautiful is your Love!

People: We pour out our love and our hope into you, O Beloved One, our rock and our redeemer.

*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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

No. 611

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, there are so many ways you call to us, but we cannot hear you among the clamor of all the voices in our lives. There are so many ways you try to catch our attention, but we cannot see you among the many distractions in our lives. There are so many ways you ask us, "to be still, and know you are God," but for the life of us, we can't seem to sit still. So, settle our hearts, Beloved One, and breath your spirit of renewal and restoration into us. Help us to trust in your ways, not our own, so that we might hear you when you call, and find rest from our weariness, for we pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, 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: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 46: 1-3; 8-11 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

He Will Carry Me

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Be Still"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN *Be Still My Soul* No. 819

*PROFESSION OF FAITH *The Scots Confession (Chapter 1)* Carol Short

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom, alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

*OUR RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn No. 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* No. 69

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE J. David Clatterbuck

*RECESSION AND GREETING The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

***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 by Barbara Rose in honor of Pete's birthday.

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 :)

Recession and Greeting: Ann will recess after the charge and benediction to greet us by the front door in the narthex area. This is one pre-pandemic ritual that Ann is thrilled to reinstate, with an ounce of physical distancing as an extra precaution :)

Friendship Pads: Old and new friends, please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads and provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. The red pads can be found at the end of the pews.

Lunch and Conversation: Every third Tuesday this summer we are gathering at 11:30 am for lunch. This week we are meeting at *Franco's Italian Restaurant* located at 9010 Staples Mill Road. This idea came out of our conversation at a spring Bruster's outing :)

"Wednesdays at Laurel:" We will meet this Wednesday at 1 pm.

Our Thursday Small Group: Please join the conversation on Thursday, at 1 pm, as we continue to unpack Parker Palmer's book, *Let Your Life Speak*, and reflect each other's preciousness.

"Use Your Inside Voice - Writing for Creativity and Exploration:" launches this Thursday at 3 pm in the Parlor. Just bring who you are and some paper to explore your preciousness. The cost for this group is \$75 for 4 meetings. Light snacks will be provided. Text or call Chris at (804) 220-1583 for more information.

Join our Sunday School: We are gathering at 9 am in the parking lot on nice days and in the fellowship hall on rainy or hot days. All are welcomed. We are doing a series of "one-off" education programs so that we can dip in and out of class without worry.

Choir Rehearsals: The choir will still be singing through July and will take a sabbath for the month of August. We will not rehearse again until September.

Community Groups at Laurel: Chris Rhoden is forming several groups beginning this summer. You are welcome to participate as you feel led. You can sign up on the bulletin board, or text or call Chris at (804) 220-1583. If you would like to participate but cost is a factor, there are options: (1) **use your medical insurance plan** (some plans are accepted) (2) pay what you can (3) pay it forward with community service (4) reach out to Ann Cherry for scholarships.

1. **"Use Your Inside Voice - Writing for Creativity and Exploration"** will meet weekly starting June 23rd at 3 pm in our Parlor. The cost for this group is \$75 for 4 meetings.
2. **"Wednesdays at Laurel"** will meet every other Wednesday at 1 pm and is designed to meet the needs both of those with memory struggles and their caregivers. One group will meet with Chris and the other with Ann. The cost is \$30 a meeting. Contact Chris or Ann if interested.
3. **"Tattoos On Your Heart: A book group for men."** We will read *Tattoos On your Heart*, written by Fr. Greg Boyle. This group is facilitated by Chris. **Sign-up sheet on bulletin board** or you can text Chris at number above. Group time to be determined after we know who is participating.
4. **"Co-Habiting with Grief."** A six-week group to explore how we live on and live through the loss of beloved one. This group will be facilitated by Chris and Ann. **Sign up on the bulletin**

board or text Chris or Ann. Group time to be determined after we know who is participating. Cost is \$30 a session.

Masks are Still Optional BUT Risk is High: COVID Update June 1: Masks continue to be optional in worship and at all church gatherings; however, Henrico County is currently in the High Risk category, and the CDC is recommending masking at indoor public spaces.

Please stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms, and if you are at high risk for severe illness, take the necessary precautions advised by your healthcare professional.

Lots of gratitude to the COVID Task Force of Brenda MacRae, Mary Scarce and Ann Whitby who are remaining vigilant to monitor COVID developments.

Hannah Miller Has Joined Us : Hannah Miller, our summer seminary intern, has begun her internship with us. She has just completed her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary and will be with us through August 17. You will see her in the pulpit, making pastoral calls, and getting to know us 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.

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 (804) 220-1583. If you would like to participate but cost is a factor, see the options below. "Be known. Be loved."

Chris Rhoden, Important Update: Chris is transitioning from a student to a professional practitioner this summer. However, he is not a paid staff member of Laurel. as much as we love him and have created space to support his ministry. He will soon be able to accept many insurance plans, or you can opt to pay what you can, pay it forward with community service, or reach out to Ann for financial support. Please don't be shy about asking Chris about his fee structure or what insurance plans he accepts. Our well-being is an important part of our stewardship of self and telegraphs that we are invested in cultivating our own unique belovedness (as given to us by God).

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.

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

Session Meeting: Next Week We will meet next Sunday, June 26th, for our regularly scheduled Session Meeting.

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.

We want you to be comfortable: 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. We have 2 dedicated armchairs 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.

June Shepherd of the Month: Our Shepherd of the Month for June is Mary Jane Bowlin. You can reach Mary Jane at (804) 672-6009. 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, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, or those who are suffering, forgotten 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 seeing our own and each other's belovedness.

Laurel Presbyterian Church

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