



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Trinity Sunday

June 12, 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

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: God, our Father, invites us to gather in his Love.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy!

Leader: God, our Son, invites us to follow him.

People: Lord God Almighty!

Leader: God, our Spirit, invites us to claim our belovedness.

People: God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs.1,2,3)

No. 1

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, you are the name above all names, and yet you defy “names” and categorizations. By nature, you transcend all human labels and language. You are organically diverse as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your diversity invites and includes our diversity, too. Yet, we tend to be so quick to sort and separate each other based on our perceived differences and miss out on our shared humanity. Forgive our reactions and help us to see your belovedness in each other with new eyes. By your grace, enable us to reflect your universal pattern of diversity in ourselves, and to honor it in others. Disclose to us those places where diversity is not yet honored, so that we might more faithfully honor you – as God the Father, as God the Son and as God the Spirit, 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs. 4)*

Hymn No. 1

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hannah P. Miller

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

Canticle of Trust

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 16: 12-15 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Many Things to Say"

Hannah P. Miller

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

No. 279

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession (Chapter 1)

Gladys Chamberlayne

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

COMMISSION AND CHARGE TO HANNAH P. MILLER

Duane Berger, Elder & Rev. Ann Cherry

A LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

Duane Berger

Leader: There are different gifts.

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving our Forever God

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit to advance love;

People: And to use it for our common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of this beloved community.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, we all are made in the image and likeness of God and have been given the ministry of love.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular functions, such as ministers and elders, and today, as a seminary intern, to prepare for the work and life of ministry ahead. As a church family, we recognize these special gifts, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you desire to be great must become the servant of all."

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, so are we called to serve in Christ's name, in order to be God's love and agency of good news in this world.

QUESTIONS OF THE SEMINARY INTERN AND THE CONGREGATION

Ann: Do you, Hannah Powers Miller, promise to serve God with all of your heart, mind and soul? To serve this congregation by learning our love language, respecting our culture, acknowledging our God given preciousness and dignity, as you learn how to minister? Do you?

*Hannah: I do.

Ann: Do you promise to serve this congregation with love, imagination, thoughtfulness and care?

*Hannah: I do.

Ann: Do you promise to ask for what you need? To be curious? To try out new things? And to make many mistakes in the service of growth?

*Hannah: I do.

Duane: Do the people of Laurel Presbyterian Church promise to offer a safe place for Hannah to grow? To make mistakes and start again? To support her with our prayers, feedback, affirmations and love as she learns how to minister among us?

*People: We do.

Duane: Do we promise to fuel her curiosity, to inspire her imagination, to allow her to try out new things and new ways, even in our worship service?

*People: We do.

Duane: Do we promise to include her in our congregational life and our personal lives as a valuable image bearer of God among us? Do we promise to learn her language of love and to reflect her belovedness back to her?

*People: We do.

*QUESTIONS OF OUR SUPPORT TEAM FOR HANNAH

Ann: Do you, the members of Hannah's Support Team, promise to pray for her? To encourage her with your affirmation, to uplift her when she is discouraged, to provide feedback for her growth, and to reflect her unique belovedness so that she might see herself as God sees her?

Support: We do.

CHARGE AND PRAYER

Duane Berger, Elder

WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN	<i>Source and Sovereign Rock and Cloud</i>	No. 11
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Hannah P. Miller
*POSTLUDE		J. David Clatterbuck
*RECESSION AND GREETING		Hannah P. Miller and The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

Lay Reader: Thank you Gladys Chamberlayne for serving as our liturgist today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Laurel Love in honor of Hannah P. Miller to welcome her to Laurel Presbyterian Church as our summer seminary intern.

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 and Hannah will recess after the charge and benediction to greet us by the front door in the narthex area. They would like to have an opportunity to touch base with every one of us before we leave for the day. This is one pre-pandemic ritual that Ann would like 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. Please provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews :)

Today is Trinity Sunday: We are celebrating the diversity of the three persons of the Godhead, God as Father, God as Son, God as Holy Spirit.

Welcome Linger After Church: Member Care and Missions is hosting a Linger today to welcome Hannah Miller to our church. Please stay behind to introduce yourself and show her some Laurel Love.

Hannah Miller Joins Us : Hannah Miller, our summer seminary intern, begins her internship with us today. She has just completed her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary and will be with us from June 12 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.

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

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.

Circle on Tuesday: Our Women's Circle will meet next on Tuesday, June 14th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the two chapters on Mary, Lessons 7 and 8. Please join us. Gladys Chamberlayne is our moderator, and Carol Short is our bible leader.

Choir Rehearsals: The choir will still be singing through July and will take a sabbath for the month of August. Thursday June 16th will be our last practice until the fall. Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, know if you are interested in joining us. We practice on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

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 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 financial assistance.

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 of those with memory struggles. Chris Rhoden is facilitating. The cost is \$30 a meeting and if cost is a factor see Ann for assistance. This past week the group made bread. 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.

NRSVue: After 30 years, the NRSV has been updated to reflect the writings of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are roughly 2000 years old. Thirty scholars were commissioned by Friendship Press, the National Council of Churches, and the Society for Biblical Literature to create as literal and unencumbered an English translation as possible. We will be using this latest translation as it makes sense in worship. The added “ue” means updated edition.

SCAM alert: It has come to our attention that some members of our congregation have been targeted by scam emails or texts requesting your assistance to purchase gift cards for the staff. The email address and text contained “Rev Ann” as if it were coming from our minister, but it was not. Ann’s email/text does not contain “Rev Ann.” If you get a message like this, please be aware that this is a SCAM. Do not reply, follow any links provided in the email or text, or send money or gift cards.

On occasion, we may ask your support in the form of gift cards for special events or to show our Laurel love to individuals or organizations. We will reach out by phone to contact you in addition to an email that might give you a heads-up about a drive to raise gift money.

We hope to soon have an online donation feature added to our website, thanks to the hard work of Pete MacRae and the approval of our Session, which will be a better way to make these kinds of contributions.

Ann’s email is laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com and her phone number is (804) 508-3850.

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

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."

Important Update on Chris Rhoden's services: Chris is transitioning from a student to a professional practitioner. 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 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

Next Stated Session Meeting: We will meet on the fourth Sunday this month, June 26th, for our regularly scheduled Session Meeting.

Documentarian Sought: If you are a detail person, love to organize, like to track data, please let Rev. Cherry 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.

We want you 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.

Ann on Study Leave: Ann will be in class Monday-Friday this coming week. If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chris Rhoden at (804) 220-1583, or Hannah Miller at (804) 514-4460 or the elders of the MCM Team, Linda Coulson, Diane Jackson or Brenda MacRae.

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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J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Chris Rhoden, Small Group Leader/Therapist-in-Residence

Hannah P. Miller, Seminary Intern

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Diane Jackson, Elder, MCM Team

Brenda MacRae, Elder, MCM Team

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