



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

July 31, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

\*GATHERING HYMN *Morning Has Broken – All Verses (see Booklet)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hannah P. Miller

Leader: O give thanks, to the Lord, for God is good!

**People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for filling us with good things!

**People: For God's wonderful works to all of humankind** (adapted from Psalm 107)

\*HYMN

*Come, Christians Join to Sing – Verses 1 & 3 (see Booklet)*

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah P. Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you continue to remind us of the joy of seeking things from above, but our hearts are distracted by all the “shiny” objects that catch our eye and garner our attention. When we lose sight of our priorities, reorient us to your kingdom values. When we start dividing each other into this group and that group, draw us in as One body of Christ. When we are tempted to think the worst about ourselves or each other, redirect us to our true selves always protected in Christ. 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: Beloved, 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 claim the love that claims us in Christ.

Friends, believe this good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3: 1-11 (The Message)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN SING (*See Booklet*)

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less - Verses 1 & 4

I Danced In the Morning - All Verses

God of Grace and God of Glory - Verses 1 & 4

I've Got Peace Like a River - All Verses

It Is Well With My Soul - Verses 1 & 4

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Verses 1 & 3

Jesus Loves Me - All Verses

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us - Verses 1 & 4

Precious Lord, Take My Hand - All Verses

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me - All Verses

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1967 (The Love of God)*

Hannah P. Miller

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of *our* minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals *God's* love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in the receiving of sinful *people*. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who make all things to serve the purpose of *God's* Love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of *God's* dealings with *humankind*. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hannah P. Miller

**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.**

## *BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

\*HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine – All Verses

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Hannah P. Miller

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Michelle and Rob McBane in memory of Michelle's sister, Carol Dunbar Miller.

**Passing of the Peace:** You are invited to stand and greet each other in the name of our Beloved One to show forth your Laurel Love : )

**Hymn Fest Love:** Thank you to David Clatterbuck for arranging our Hymn Fest today. He selected and prepared our awesome music.

**Hymn Fest Crew:** Thank you to all of you who set up the tent and chairs today to make this magic happen. We are grateful for your love.

**Join us after worship for our Ice Cream Social:** Join us inside for our ice cream social immediately after our worship service. Thank you to the Member Care and Missions Team for bringing this summer love to us.

**Wednesdays at Laurel:** Join us this Wednesday at 1 pm, August 3, to put together the homeless care kits.

**“Beloved” moves to Wednesdays:** Please join us every other Wednesday at 1 pm in the Parlor as we continue reading *Falling Upward*, a book by Richard Rohr. The first meeting of Beloved is August 10<sup>th</sup>. However, all members are invited to Wednesdays at Laurel at 1 pm.

**Hannah Miller Teaching Sunday School:** Join Hannah as she digs into leading us to think more deeply about *Unity in Christ*. We will be discussing what it means to find unity in our Christian faith while honoring and exploring the different lenses through which we all view the world. We'll look at insiders and outsiders in the Bible and consider the boundaries that keep us separate today. Hannah is teaching this 4-part series from July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Women’s Bible Study/Circle:** Next year's Women's Circle Bible Study is *Celebrating Sabbath and Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Select passages from the Old and New Testaments will be included. We meet at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesday of each month starting in September. Monthly Circle meetings are a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other Christian women as we study God's word together.

**To acquire your book for the fall:** Just reach out to Carol Short (804) 922-6227 or email her at [carolrshort@aol.com](mailto:carolrshort@aol.com). The regular-print study book is \$11 and the large print book is \$16.50. We need to place our book order for the fall now.

**Our Director of Music:** With deep regret David Clatterbuck, has announced he will be leaving our church. His last Sunday is August 21<sup>st</sup>. David has served in this role for the last 16 years and his extraordinary gifts match his extraordinary heart. The Session accepted his resignation with regret and sad hearts. We are trusting God with our next steps. We will be recognizing David on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**The Choir:** The choir will be taking a sabbath for the month of August. We will rehearse again in September on Sunday mornings.

**Director of Music Search Committee Appointed:** Update: An interim director of music has been appointed by the Session who will start on Sunday September 4. More details to come.

The Session appointed Glenda Miller, chair, and Gladys Bowles, Vickie Chapman, and Denis Ramdas to serve as our search committee. The job description has been approved by the Personnel Team and is now posted. We will keep you updated as information is available. Please keep the Search Team in your prayers.

**Homeless Care Kits:** Thank you to all who have been bringing in products for these kits. We are collecting items to create care kits for us to give out at intersections to those needing some extra love. A box has been placed under the coat rack in the hallway for these items: Large Ziplock bags, bottled water, toothbrush and paste, protein bars, sneaker socks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, small hand sanitizers, small pack of wipes, small tissue packs, washcloth, small soap or all -in-one

soap, socks, mints, and Band Aids. We will post a sign so you can readily see what our needs are week to week.

**First Sundays:** Join us next Sunday as the Worship and Education Team convenes right after worship in the choir loft. All are welcome. The rest of our teams will meet starting in September.

**Bruster's Love:** Please join Hannah at 7 pm at our local Bruster's on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brusters is located at 9101 Staples Mill Rd, Richmond, VA 23228

**Lunch Bunch:** By special request, we will be gathering at 11:45 am at Little Angelo's on Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Little Angelo's is located in the Cross Ridge Shopping Center at 10246 Staples Mill Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

**Uncorked:** We will meet again on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to bring cheese, crackers, veggies and dip : ). We are meeting a week earlier than usual.

**Newsletter Love:** It is that time of year when we need to regroup for a fall kick-off articles are due in to Brenda and Pete MacRae by August 19<sup>th</sup> : ) You can email your info to them at [pbmacrae@comcast.net](mailto:pbmacrae@comcast.net)

**Laurel Receives Small Church Grant:** Our Therapist-in-Residence program received a \$5K church grant from the Presbytery of the James for this coming year. A big shout out to Linda Coulson and Chris for their research and writing. This grant will allow us to launch a pastoral care ministry that equips our people to care for others and to offer small groups and pastoral counseling at no cost to our members. Chris Rhoden is serving as our pastoral counselor. He will be graduating from VCU next month with a graduate degree in clinical counseling.

**Central Station Police Love:** Thank you to all who prepared or contributed food for the feed-the-police mission at Central Station. Thank you to all of you who delivered our love in person – especially to Sue Bell, Duane Berger, Mary and Steve Scarce, Jim Smith, Kathy Boyce and Mary Jane Bowlin.

**Covenant Approved:** We are pleased to report that the Committee on Ministry, of the Presbytery of the James approved the Covenant between our Minister and the Session of Laurel Presbyterian. Ann's Covenant is renewed yearly in July.

**Office Manager Sought:** We are seeking someone to manage our church office and administrative functions, from office supplies to bulletin love. This is currently an unpaid position. If you are a detail person and enjoy working with others, please contact Diane Jackson at 804-747-6315, of Personnel, or Duane Berger, our Clerk, at 804-876-3414. Even if this sounds too big to tackle, but you are drawn to a small part of it, please let us know : )

**Last Call for Sky Divers:** Hannah Miller is organizing a group that might like to give sky diving a whirl, or another whirl. The cost is \$230 a jump and a video can be purchased for \$70. The company is No Limits Skydiving, located in West Point, VA. If this interests you, reach out to Hannah at [hpmiller02@gmail.com](mailto:hpmiller02@gmail.com)

**Masks are Optional BUT Risk is High: COVID Update July 27:** 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.

**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. "Be known. Be loved."

**Ginger Lanier has Moved:** 1712 Fox Creek Circle, Henrico VA 23238. Her phone number is (804) 658-0613 :)

**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 back of our outdoor worship 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

**We want you to be comfortable:** You are invited to stand, stretch, and move during our worship service or even to remain seated as the spirit moves you. Your comfort is key, so please make yourself at home.

**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.

**August Shepherd of the Month:** Our Shepherd of the Month for August is Carolyn Stinger. You can reach Barbara at (804) 755-7150 .Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

**Call to Prayer:** Let us be in prayer for all those impacted by violence, fighting addiction, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, impacted by the Ukraine/Russian war, grieving, suffering, and who are struggling to claim the love that claims us as beloved ones, and then living out our belovedness in this world, by making Our Love Known.

## **Laurel Presbyterian Church**

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Chris Rhoden, Pastoral Counselor-in-Residence

Hannah P. Miller, Seminary Intern

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