



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 10

August 14, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

Clint Miller

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

Hannah P. Miller

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Michael Henderson

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God

No. 288

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

People: With unsettled questions in our hearts.

Leader: With the mystery of God surrounding us.

People: Acknowledging that we, who were lost, are now found and loved. Let us worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

No. 403

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully in the soil you have prepared for us. You feed us, shelter us, and provide for our daily needs. Yet, we often fail to offer you the fruit of our harvest. We act as though we are abandoned children, trying to make it on our own. We hold to our own, feeling neglected in the wilderness of our lives. Yet through it all, you remain faithful. Renew our lives once more.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Hear the good news:
God's love is sufficient, and we have been given all that we need.
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

Hannah P. Miller

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clint Miller

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Love Song"

Hannah P. Miller

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 451

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2

Gladys Chamberlayne

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Michael Henderson

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.

RECOGNITION OF HANNAH P. MILLER Seminary Intern Support Team

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Vs. 1,3,5)* No. 822

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Hannah P. Miller

*POSTLUDE Clint Miller

*RECESSION AND GREETING

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

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Phyllis Perross in memory of her father, J. Ewell Perross.

Welcome to Clint Miller: We are pleased to welcome Clint Miller back to the piano this Sunday. Clint is the son of Glenda and Clint Miller and grew up in our church. He is a vocal music teacher at J.R. Tucker High School and a section leader in the choir at Second Presbyterian. Clint is a graduate of James Madison University. David will be back for his final Sunday with us next week.

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 :)

Recession and Greeting: Ann and Hannah will recess after the charge and benediction to greet us by the front door in the narthex area.

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.

Sky Diving is On: This Tuesday, August 16th, we are headed to West Point to bear witness to our 3 sky divers. Please meet at the church at 9:20 am to depart at 9:30 am. The company is No Limits Skydiving, located in West Point, VA.

Uncorked: We will meet on Tuesday, August 16th, at 5:30 pm. Thanks to the love of Linda Maddy and Carol Cummins, we are set for hors d'oeuvres this month. See the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to bring cheese, crackers, veggies and dip for the months ahead :).

Wednesdays at Laurel: Join us this Wednesday at 1 pm, August 17, to put together the homeless care kits. All of our community is welcomed.

"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 next meeting of Beloved is August 24th. However, all members are invited to Wednesdays at Laurel at 1 pm, and we hope you will attend.

Our Director of Music Celebration: We will be celebrating David Clatterbuck's 16 years at Laurel following his last service on August 21st. Please join us as we make our love known for his generous heart and extraordinary gifts. Please see Mary Jane Bowlin with your questions about our celebration. She can be reached at (804) 672-6009 or maryjanebowlin@gmail.com

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

The Session has appointed Glenda Miller, chair, and Gladys Bowles, Vickie Chapman, and Denis Ramdas to serve as our Director of Music 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.

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

School Supplies Needed: The MCM Team is collecting school supplies for The Academy at Virginia Randolph, an exciting alternative school for middle and high school students. Supplies needed include backpacks, spiral notebooks, highlighters, notebook paper, legal pads and folders. You can drop your gifts in the box located in the hallway underneath the coat rack where we normally collect our donations. The last day to contribute is September 11th.

Hannah's Last Sunday: Is August 21st. We will be recognizing her contribution today in worship. Please take a moment to let Hannah know the difference she has made among us.

Bulletin Content: Hannah Miller prepared the content of our bulletin this week, and is taking the pastoral lead as her final leg of her internship with us.

Homeless Care Kits Available: Please stop by the Parlor to pick up a few kits for your car. Please hand out generously with smiles and our signature Laurel Love. Thank you to all who are making this magic happen.

Homeless Care Kit Supplies Still Needed: 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.

Newsletter Love: It is that time of year when we need to regroup for a fall kickoff. Articles are due to Brenda and Pete MacRae by August 19th :) You can email your info to them at pamacrae@comcast.net.

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 :)

Interested in Joining Laurel?: We would love to have you. The Session will receive new members at 9:30 am in the Parlor on August 28, and during worship, our new members will be welcomed. If you are interested in joining this sweet church, please contact Rev. Ann Cherry at (804) 508-3850.

Masks Are Optional but Risk is High: As we know, the risk is high and COVID is still among us so practice what is best for you. 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 monitoring 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."

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 Carolyn at (804) 755-7150. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those impacted by flooding, fires, violence, addiction, cancer, war, grief, and suffering, and all of us who are struggling to claim the love that claims us as beloved ones, who are trying to make our love known in this world.

Thanks from Hannah: I cannot thank you enough for ALL the Laurel Love you've shown me this summer! Thank you for your openness in including me in committee meetings, small groups, pastoral visits, and worship. Thank you for your generosity of heart in welcoming me and helping me feel like a part of the Laurel family from my first week. This has been a wonderful place to learn and spend my summer, and I will miss you!

Laurel Presbyterian Church

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