



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 11

August 21, 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

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

In This Very Room

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete MacRae

Leader: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness;

People: The prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*GATHERING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

No. 634

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hannah P. Miller

Almighty God, You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like children testing boundaries, until fear finally makes us look back. And other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us that we are always your children, and that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day, as our companion on this journey of faith (Adapted from Rev. Mindi's *Rev-o-lution* website).

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Hear the good news:

No matter how far we stray, God will always call us back. Our journey of faith is never over, and God is with us on this journey through the end of time.

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

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-10 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Things Hoped For"

Hannah P. Miller

RESPONDING IN LOVE

ANTHEM

Soon And Very Soon

Laurel Choir

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Pete MacRae

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

No. 839

A LITANY OF BLESSING

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

Leader: Today we recognize the gift of David Clatterbuck, a precious Child of the Covenant, and our much-loved Director of Music.

People: **We give you thanks, O Holy One, for his extraordinary gifts of music, and for his extraordinary presence of your image and likeness. To you, we give all the praise and glory for David's ministry among us.**

Leader: Today we give you thanks, our Steadfast Lord, for David's musical genius, for the way he poured joy and heartfelt meaning into our lives.

People: **For his enthusiastic leadership of our music – for his diligent planning, and his amazing choir devotions, for his hard work preparing and rehearsing us, for the beautiful cantatas, for his attunement —week in and week out— to the dance of scripture and music, for the way he played and sang as an instrument of love itself. We thank you for the countless memorial services where he honored the saints, and the lives he knitted together in our wedding celebrations. For his creative spirit. For his thoughtful gifts. For his soulful playfulness. For his very down-to-earth, caring, humble warmheartedness. For all the ways this beloved man lifted us up because “music is where the soul goes to put into notes what cannot be said in words.”**

Leader: Today we add our blessing to yours, O Loving One, as David faithfully responds to your voice.

People: **Even as our hearts are sad, and we wonder if we will ever love music as much as we have loved it under David's leadership, we send him off with our affirmation of his gifts and talents, of his beloved image and likeness of God, and of our desire that he know that he is blessed to be a blessing – not just for us, but for all the people to whom you have called him to serve.**

Leader: So we pray, O Lord, that David will hear the music of our hearts and know our wonder, our joy and our admiration, for the beauty of his gifts, as we release him to continue your ministry in this world.

People: **And may you, God the Father, bless and keep David, may you God the Son, love and affirm him, may you God the Spirit, guide and comfort him, and may your Love deepen his rootedness in you from whom he was formed. Amen.**

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

SENDING SONG	<i>A Blessing of Music</i>	Laurel Choir
*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 to Pete MacRae for serving as our liturgist today.

Welcome Back Former Laurel Choir Singers: We are so pleased to have many of our former choir members and guests return to sing once again. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Judy and Jim Smith in honor of the Laurel Choir which brings joy to the music services.

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.

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 :)

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.

"Beloved" moves to EVERY Wednesday: We will be meeting every Wednesday at 1 pm starting this week August 24th, at 1 pm, in the Parlor. Please join us as we continue reading *Falling Upward*, a book by Richard Rohr.

Our Director of Music Celebration is Today: We are celebrating David Clatterbuck's 16 years at Laurel following his last service with us today. Please join us for our Lingering in the Fellowship

Hall as we make our love known for his generous heart and extraordinary gifts. He will be deeply missed.

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 today. We recognized her amazing contribution to our church in worship last week. Please take a moment to let Hannah know the difference she has made among us.

Bulletin Content: Hannah Miller prepared the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession, and she selected our Profession of Faith this week.

Homeless Care Kits Available: Please stop by the Narthex to pick up a few kits for your car. Please hand out generously with your smiles and our signature of 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: Newsletter articles are due now. Please wrap up your news and submit it ASAP to Brenda and Pete MacRae at pbmacrae@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 next Sunday, August 28, and during the worship service, our new members will be welcomed. If you are interested in joining this sweet church, please reach out to 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.

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!

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.

Laurel Presbyterian Church

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Let Love Be Known Here

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Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-10 *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue)*

11 Now faith is the assurance^[a] of things hoped for, the conviction^[b] of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith^[c] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.^[d]

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Luke 12:32-40 *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue)*

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[a] would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”