



Laurel Presbyterian Church
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Welcomes You!

Easter 2

April 19, 2026, 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

Madeline F. Clore

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LO

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Scearce

Leader: Easter People, come, sing praises to our living God with joy!

People: We come eager to live as your Easter people!

Leader: Easter People, come, and learn how to live our lives differently!

People: We come to be changed by this good news!

*HYMN

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

No. 239

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Easter God, Shepherd of all our transformations, of all our "brand new" beginnings, we come eager to live as your Easter People. We long to live lives changed by the good news that you changed everything by defying physical death and overcoming darkness. We hunger to claim this tipping point in real time, yet we are a jittery people. We want to "see" proof, like Thomas, before we really embrace this good news. We want to live differently, but only if we know for sure that "all will be well." We long to mirror each other's "image and likeness" formed from your matter, but we shy away from "seeing" you in everyone and everything—even ourselves. Give us

the courage to walk bravely into the future you have created for us. Give us the confidence that we can trust your goodness enough to reboot us as new creations in Christ, even as we co-linger with both the Easter joy and the Holy Saturday doubt. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace, for we pray this in the name of our Risen One, who is the purest image of you, and who is and was, and always will be our Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION. . . AMEN.

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Cherished People of God: Hear the good news! We are made from cosmic material, and because we are, we can always return again and again to recover our truth in you.

People: **With great gratitude, we return ourselves to you to reclaim our identity as your Beloved Ones—to live brand new lives as your Love-Led people.**

*OUR RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 581

*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

1 Peter 1: 3-9 (The Message)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL DEVOTION

Madeline F. Clore

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-29 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Doubting Alongside Rising"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised!

No. 485

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

Mary Searce

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. 606

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Easter God of doubting and rising, you commanded light to shine out of darkness . . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Trustee of our True Selves, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Glory to God in the highest.

Leader: We praise you, Beloved One . . . All praise to you, Lord Jesus:

People: Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory . . .

Leader: God of Transformations, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . For we pray all of these things in the name of our Suffering Servant:

People: 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.

Leader: And by your Spirit, Almighty God, draw us together . . . Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Those who would like to receive communion by intinction are invited to come forward. Rev. Ann will also bring the elements to you in the pews.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	No. 634
*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE		Madeline F. Clore
*RECESSION AND GREETING		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

****Please wait to greet each other until the minister have recessed down the aisle.**

Gratitude to our Liturgist: Thank you to Mary Scarce for serving as our liturgist this week.

Gratitude to our Musician: Appreciation to our very own Madeline Clore is subbing today for James who will return to us next week. Madeline is a gifted musician who is generous with her many talents.

Gratitude for the Steady Presence of Laurel Love: Thank you to Carolyn Stinger for her copy editing, Billy Shepherd for tending to our church sign, Mary Scarce, Beverley Shepherd and Carolyn for our printing, Brenda and Pete MacRae, for serving as our newsletter editors, Brenda MacRae, our website master, and Tod Balsbaugh, Marshall Chamberlayne, Wayne Alvis and Pete MacRae for tending to our building and grounds.

All Are Welcome! The signature gift of Laurel Love is our affection and love for God and for one another.

Laurel Presbyterian Church

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“You are precious in my sight and honored and oh so loved.” Isaiah 43:4