



Laurel Presbyterian Church

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Welcomes You!

Pentecost 2

June 7, 2026, 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

James Sudbury

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Dr. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

James Sudbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: Surprising God, you call us from the four corners of the earth.

People: From the young and the old, from the sinners to the saints, from the thriving to the just getting by.

Leader: Like Jeremiah, we don't suppose you could mean us!

People: Like Moses, we list all the reasons you are mistaken!

Leader: Surprising God, you invite us just as you find us—

People: To follow You.

*HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

No. 442

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All, we cannot fathom that you would invite us to join your team. We cannot imagine that you would ask us of all your people to follow. We cannot believe that you can't do better than us. Our spirits are willing but are resolve is weak. We don't feel quite ready for the task (whatever it might be). We don't feel you could use us in your

ministry. We don't know if we can follow because we get lost just getting through our own agendas. Have mercy on us. We cannot see as you see yet, but we want to. Help us to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost, no matter our expertise (or limitations), no matter our hesitation. Allow us to get so caught up by your love that we cannot sit on the sidelines any longer. Lead us to discover how to be your Love-Led people, for all these things we pray 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: 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—trusting you to form us into 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. Dr. Ann D. Cherry

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33: 1-12 (CEB)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL DEVOTION

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9: 9-13 (CEV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Flip Turn "

The Rev. Dr. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Change My Heart, Oh God

No. 695

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Gladys Chamberlayne

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

*OUR RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn No. 606

RECEIVING LOVE TO BE LOVE

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: God, in whom we trust with our very lives, 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 Flip Turns, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . For we pray all of these things in the name of the One who taught us to pray:

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>When Peace Like a River</i>	No. 840
*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING		The Rev. Dr. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE		James Sudbury
*RECESSION AND GREETING		The Rev. Dr. 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 Gladys Chamberlayne for serving as our liturgist this week.

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

Scriptures for Today

Psalm 33: 1-12 (CEB)

- ¹ You are the LORD's people.
Obey *the LORD* and celebrate!
The LORD deserves your praise.
- ² Praise the LORD with harps!
Use harps with ten strings
to make music for *the LORD*.
- ³ Sing a new song. Shout!
Play beautiful music.
- ⁴ The LORD is truthful;
and can be trusted.
- ⁵ *The LORD* loves justice and fairness,
and is kind to everyone
everywhere on earth.
- ⁶ The LORD made the heavens
and everything in them
by the LORD'S word.
- ⁷ The LORD scooped up the ocean
and stored the water.
- ⁸ Everyone in this world
should worship and honor
the LORD!
- ⁹ As soon as the *LORD* spoke
the world was created;
at the *LORD'S* command,
the earth was formed.
- ¹⁰ The LORD destroys the plans
and spoils the schemes
of the nations.
- ¹¹ But what the LORD has planned
will stand forever.
The LORD'S thoughts never change.

¹² The LORD blesses each nation
that worships only *the LORD*.

The LORD blesses all chosen ones.

Matthew 9: 9-13 (CEV)

⁹ As Jesus was leaving, he saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at the place for paying taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and went with him.

¹⁰ Later, Jesus and his disciples were having dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and other sinners were also there. ¹¹ Some Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?"

¹² Jesus heard them and answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. ¹³ Go and learn what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.' I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners."

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