



# *Summer* at Clarendon

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Clarendon United Methodist Church  
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Arlington, VA 22201

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**Order of Worship**  
**Graduating Senior Sunday**  
**June 13, 2021**

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**Prelude**

**\*Greeting**

James London

Leader: We praise you, Lord! We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

**People: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just. Your precepts are trustworthy.

**People: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom. You are to be praised forever!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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**\*Opening Prayer**

James London

**Holy God,  
you create life from the earth on which we dwell  
and breathe into it new life and meaning.  
Graciously you empower us with knowledge and skills  
to aid one another as we live out our life on this earth.  
Bless our gathering this morning,  
as we recall your grace and kindness to these young lives  
and celebrate the endings and beginnings of the opportunities you provide.  
Empower us all to live lives worthy of the callings you offer,  
that we may strengthen one another and your creation  
as we walk together with you through this life.  
In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Anthem**

**Grandeur**

Karen Thompson

Wesley Ringers

**Children's Message**

Jon White

**Scripture**

**Ephesians 2: 17-22**  
*Common English Bible translation*

Sadie Kerby

**Sermon**

**It Takes a Village**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

## **Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

### **Prayer**

Gracious God,  
it's an honor to join you in affirming and celebrating  
the creative, athletic, and academic accomplishments  
of those who are graduating and moving on to the next chapter of their lives.  
Thank you for the season that you have entrusted them to our care.

And now, Lord, as they move out into the world,  
now more than ever, we entrust them into your care.  
You have created these young people in your image.  
You have created them to live inside a big story, not a small one—  
your story—the story in which your glory and honor,  
and truth, beauty, grace and love are at the center—  
the story in which your mission to love people, places, and things to life—  
to leave the world better than they found it—  
is the central mission.

God, we pray that our graduates' campuses and dormitories,  
as well as their future homes, neighborhoods,  
and places of work, play, and worship,  
would be better places, more life-giving places,  
because they are in those places as the aroma of Christ.  
Where they see hurt,  
give them healing hands and healing words.  
Where they sense confusion,  
give them wisdom.  
Where they perceive beauty,  
give them a sense of thankfulness and wonder.  
Where they encounter scarcity,  
give them a heart and a passion to contribute and serve.

For those pursuing higher education,  
grant them the knowledge that they will need in their chosen fields  
and the wisdom to apply that knowledge to every facet of life.

For those going directly into the workforce,  
grant a sense of what is right and good and honoring and beautiful—  
especially in the confusing and complex issues they will face.

For all of today's graduates and their families,  
more than anything may their measure of success be bound up  
not in making money or in making a name for themselves,  
but in trusting in your mercies which are new every morning,  
and in bringing fame and honor to your name  
by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God.  
Wherever the next chapter takes them,  
give them character that exceeds their gifts  
and humility that exceeds their influence.  
Give them Jesus. Amen.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues...*

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues...*

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor continues...*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now with the confidence of children of God,  
let us pray as our savior taught us:

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Across the Lands**

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**Benediction**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Graduation Slideshow**

Please join us outside for the Youth Choir presentation  
and graduation reception immediately following the slideshow.

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*Prayer for graduates adapted from a prayer by Scott Sauls: God, People, Places & Things.*