

## Resources

**UMH** - United Methodist Hymnal (red or blue), the hymn number is also the page #

**TFWS** - The Faith We Sing (thin black book), the hymn number is also the page #

**W&S** - Worship & Song (thin green book), the hymn number is also the page #

## What to Expect During Today's Worship Service

### **Masks**

- Masks are currently required during worship.
- Masks may be removed only for partaking of the communion elements.
- Please note that worship leaders who are fully vaccinated will be unmasked so that they can be easily heard and understood.
- Masks are optional outdoors.

### **Singing**

- There will be congregational singing in the service with masks on.

### **Offering**

- Offering baskets are located at each entrance.

### **Children's Message**

- Children will be invited forward for the Children's Message and may sit on one of the colored circles in the chancel area. They will be dismissed to Children's Church (held outdoors) right after the message.

### **Communion**

- The usher will indicate when it is time to come forward to take prepackaged elements from the communion table.
- Take one of the prepackaged elements from the table.
- Kneel for prayer at the chancel rail if you like.
- Return to your seat and remove your mask for partaking of elements.
- Please throw away the packing at one of the trash receptacles available at the exits.

### **Nursery**

Available in room 210 from 9:30 until 11:30am for ages 0 to 3.

**Order of Worship**  
**August 8, 2021**

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*\*Please rise as you are able*

**Prelude**

**\*Greeting**

Arya Verma

Leader: We are from north and south.

**People: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.**

Leader: We are from this city and from others far away.

**People: We are from big families and dinners made for one.**

Leader: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

**People: We are from hot summers and cold winters.**

Leader: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,

**People: and front porches with old, familiar swings.**

Leader: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky. We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

**People: Today we are together.**

**All: Holy God, gather us in.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Great Is the Lord**

TFWS 2022

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**Children's Message**

Jon White

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name,  
perhaps we would call it a moment for truth telling—  
a moment to pause, to reflect,  
to be honest about the places we want to grow  
and the way we need God's help.  
Family of faith, there is power in honesty.  
So pray with me. We worship a loving and gracious God.  
When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,

they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

**People: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.**

Leader: Can anything good come from that side of town?

**People: From a school with poor test scores?**

Leader: From a criminal history?

**People: From the opposite political party?**

Leader: From a history of addiction?

**People: From a faith with doubt?**

Leader: From a church with faults?

**People: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Leader: Can anything good come from there?

**People; Yes. Always yes. Amen.**

Leader: Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself,  
"Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?"  
Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes."  
You were created in the image of God.  
Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning.  
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: God is here. God is at work among us.  
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>John 1:35-51</b>	Amy Barr
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>I've Been Meaning to Ask...</b> Week 1: Where Are You From?	Rev. Furtado-Gilliam
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Prayer of the People</b>		Lisa Gibbs-Smith

## **\*Holy Communion**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

UMH 557

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry & mission of CUMC.  
Place your offering in the baskets located at each entrance to the Sanctuary,  
or you can also give online at [www.clarendonumc.org/give](http://www.clarendonumc.org/give)*

*Worship series resources, including adapted writings and prayers by Rev. Sarah Are:  
A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)*

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