

Celebration of Pastoral Appointment

Leader:

Kevin Sweeney

Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Dear friends, today we welcome Nilse Furtado-Gilliam,
who has been appointed to serve as our Associate Pastor.
We believe that she is well qualified
and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Sharma Lewis.

Nilse, you have been sent to live among us
as a bearer of the Word of God;
a minister of the Sacraments;
and a *sustainer* of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Associate Pastor:

Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader to congregation :

Siblings in Christ,
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Nilse in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We affirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

Lead Pastor:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the ministry of Nilse Furtado-Gilliam.
Strengthen and sustain us in our life together.
Bless richly, we pray, your servant Nilse as she takes up this new role in our family
of faith.
Fill her with the power of your Holy Spirit
and let her continue to find with us an open door for the Word.
Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom
so to care for one another and challenge one another
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,

living together in love,
and offering our gifts and talents in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader to Associate Pastor:

Dana Jackson, Lay Leader

Nilse, accept this Bible,
and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

Nilse, take this water,
and baptize new Christians in this place. **Amen.**

Nilse, take this bread and cup,
and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Nilse, use this hymnal and book of worship
to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

Nilse, receive this *Book of Discipline*,
and help us keep the covenant
that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

Nilse, take this plumbline,
and faithfully call us toward ministries of compassion and justice. **Amen.**

Nilse, receive this globe,
and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. **Amen.**

The Associate Pastor kneels, and representatives of the congregation lay hands on her head. The congregation may raise hands and unite in this blessing:

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

Anthem

I Am What God Says I Am

Clark

Elijah & Naya Gilliam and Sueli, Cintia and Emma Furtado

Children's Message

Pam Gibert

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-21

Elijah Gilliam

Sermon

Where Is Your Heart?

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Prayer

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

***Holy Communion**

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

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**

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) *see last page of bulletin*

***Benediction**

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

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Place your offering in the baskets located at each entrance to the Sanctuary,

or you can also give online at www.clarendonumc.org/give

Acolytes: Naya Gilliam, Emma Furtado

Communion Steward: Jennifer Owen

Greeters: Dana Jackson, Attila Lantos

Organ: Mark Frazier

Praise Band: Amber Vincent, Kevin Sweeney, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, Mike Bannach, Rusty Smith, Kevin Scannell

Ushers: Mike Bannach, Rusty Smith

Bulletin Production: Tanya Sabin

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