

# Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**

**Lord, I Know I Been Changed**

arr. Shackley

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

## **\*Greeting**

Leader: Gentle and patient

**People: Christ, you are calling.**

Leader: Deep and persistent

**People: Christ, you are calling.**

Leader: Through darkness and dawn

**People: Christ, you are calling.**

Leader: Unexpected and planned

**People: Christ, you are calling.**

Leader: In a still small voice and in power

**People: Christ, you are calling.**

Leader: You are eager to share with us, wherever we are in our journey.

**People: Christ Jesus, we open our hearts to your call!**

## **\*Hymn**

**Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above**

UMH 126

## **\*Opening Prayer**

**O God,**

**you spoke your word**

**and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.**

**Fill all creation with that word again,**

**so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations**

**and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,**

**we may become one living body,**

**your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado Gilliam

**Children's Message**

**Anthem** **Jesus At the Center** Ranney/Houghton/Massey  
Praise Band; Sean Gilliam, soloist

**Scripture** **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** **A New Creation** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Offering**

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC. You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website and click "Make your online offering."*

**Prayer of the People** Rev. Furtado Gilliam

**\*Hymn** **God So Loved**

**Benediction** Rev. Wines

**Postlude** **Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel** arr. Hayes

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*In recognition of Black History month, all piano selections in February are arrangements of traditional spirituals. Spirituals have their genesis in the oral tradition of African people enslaved on American plantations. Exposed to Christianity by their masters, slaves drew deep connections between Jesus' suffering and their own. They expressed and passed down their new faith using improvised melodies to retell Bible stories, give voice to the profound suffering and oppression they endured, and encourage one another with the promise of one day crossing "over Jordan... where all is peace." Spirituals were also used as a means of communicating covert messages about the Underground Railroad, as well as bolstering the spirits of those protesting during the Civil Rights Era. We celebrate this musical art form—one of the oldest and uniquely American—and those both known and unknown who created it.*

# Clarendon Happenings

## Calling all Gardeners! We need a superhero!

We are desperately looking for new helpers to work in our Plot Against Hunger. Our mighty little garden plot on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Ivy provides healthy fresh produce to our Saturday morning AFAC distribution throughout the summer.



We need someone to help us coordinate the effort and we need volunteers to help plant, weed, water and gather the produce for delivery to AFAC on Saturdays. A little bit of time contributed could have a big impact. Training is provided.

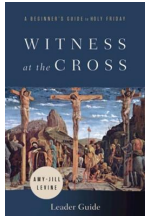
We are praying for people to step forward to help us save this important activity. We do not want to have to give up on our plot but we will have to if we cannot find new people to help.

## You could be a superhero!

Contact the church office to volunteer or if you want more information. (703-527-8574 or [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org))

*Isaiah 61:11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.*

## Women's Lenten Study Begins February 28



The Women's Monday Morning group will begin a Lenten study on February 28. In *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play.

This six-week study will be both in person and virtual. If you are interested, contact the church office ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)) to order a book.

## Join Us Next Sunday for a Special Service and Celebration

Andrew Schneider, the executive director of Arlington Thrive, will be preaching at our service next Sunday, February 27. Thrive (<https://arlingtonthrive.org>) was the recipient of the funds raised in our annual Christmas Tree sales. We want to make this an opportunity to celebrate the great things our church can achieve when we come together. We will celebrate everyone who got involved to make the annual tree sales a tremendous success again this year.

## Justice Talks

### PLEASE JOIN

**REV. DR. SUSAN HENRY-CROWE**  
General Secretary

**MR. JOHN HILL**  
Deputy General Secretary for  
Advocacy and Grassroots Organizing

**MRS. AIMEE HONG**  
Senior Executive Director of  
Education and Engagement

**REV. LAURA KIGWEBA JAMES**  
Director of Grassroots Organizing

### FOR JUSTICE TALKS: THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**  
**3-4 P.M., ET**  
\*Zoom link to follow registration

Learn how the Social Principles of  
The United Methodist Church guide and inform  
the mission and ministry of the  
General Board of Church and Society.

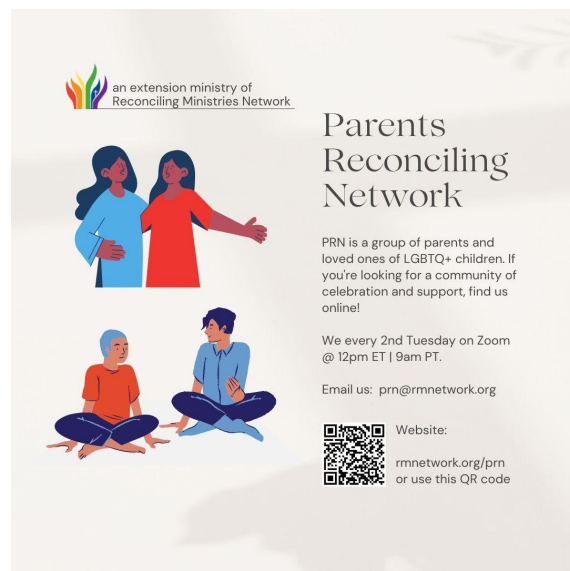
The Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church will hold a Justice Talk this coming Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 3PM ET. Participants will hear from Church and Society staff about the Social Principles and how they shape our work of living faith, seeking justice, and pursuing peace. You can register by clicking [here](#)..

And stay tuned to Clarendon's own Social Justice team. They will be offering a study on The Social Principles later in the year.

## RMN/PRN Provides Support to LGBTQ+ Families

Clarendon UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), the parent organization of PRN. Both RMN and PRN are wonderful sources of support and education.

If you are the parent of an LGBTQ+ child or someone interested in learning more, please check them out by using the QR code or clicking [here](#).



an extension ministry of  
Reconciling Ministries Network

### Parents Reconciling Network

PRN is a group of parents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ children. If you're looking for a community of celebration and support, find us online!

We every 2nd Tuesday on Zoom @ 12pm ET | 9am PT.

Email us: [prn@rmnetwork.org](mailto:prn@rmnetwork.org)

Website:  
[rmnetwork.org/prn](http://rmnetwork.org/prn)  
or use this QR code

**The church office will be closed on Monday, February 21**

**in honor of President's Day. We will reopen at 9AM Tuesday morning.**

Church office hours: Mon - Thurs, 9AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or [office@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:office@ClarendonUMC.org)

Items for the Friday email/Clarendon Happenings are due by Noon on Wednesday.

Please submit all calendar and room requests to Fran Underwood at the office email.



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