Order of Worship

September 18, 2022 10:00 AM

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

Prelude Chaconne in E Minor Dieterich Buxtehude

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*Greeting

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

God is gracious and God offers blessings.

God calls us to life in the world,

God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.

People: We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn O Church of God, United UMH 547

*Opening Prayer

Everlasting God,

thank you for gathering us

and gracing us with your faithful presence.

As we consider our calling—at this time and in this place,

help us to see the possibilities for your church,

ways to bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather this congregation

around Jesus' vision and dream

that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.

Children's Message

Anthem Jesus, We Love You Hannah & Paul McClure

Praise Band Kalley Heiligenthal

Scripture Matthew 16:13-19 (NRSVUE)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the People

Leader: Eternal God of the ages, we wish we could come to you as empty vessels

waiting to be filled, but our minds and souls are busy with so many things that interfere with our being filled by you. We become preoccupied with

our worries.

People: We worry about our children.

We worry about our personal finances.

We worry about how we will get everything done.

We worry about our health.

We worry about conflict and strife in our world.

Leader: Help us to entrust the troubles that burden us to your care. Empty us of

them now that we may be filled.

People: May we be filled with a sense of your presence.

May we be filled with the touch of your Spirit.

May we be filled with new vision.

May we be filled with your power.

May we be filled with trust and faith.

Leader Empower your church as we worship here. Change our limited vision of

what is, to an expansive vision of what can be. Unite us in commitment to

following the example of Jesus.

People: We commit to move beyond our comfort zones.

We commit to take risks.

We commit to think creatively.

We commit to show limitless compassion.

We commit to work for justice.

We commit to encourage one another.

Leader: Holy God, we are privileged to partner with you in ministry. Inspire, equip

and strengthen us for the days ahead. Amen.

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."

*Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love TFWS 2223

Benediction Rev. Furtado-Gilliam