

Order of Worship

January 8, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Larry Shackley

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

*Love divine, all loves excelling, O of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion—pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart*

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*Greeting

Leader: All who have come to this house of worship,
give to the Lord glory and praise!

**People: We give to the Lord the glory due his name!
We bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!**

Leader: Let the Lord give strength to his people.

People: Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

*Opening Prayer

Faithful God,
we come to you with hearts open
to your vision for the future.
We want to renew our covenant with you,
to be your witnesses in what we say and what we do,
and to initiate both with love.
We long to be part of prayers answered—
serving you by serving others.
Inspire us to do what you would have us do.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Courant

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Children's Message

Scripture**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon**We Resolve**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Hymn**Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine**

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Installation of Church Council

The pastor presents the leaders to the congregation and then says to them:

Dear friends,

you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God
for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation
and challenge you to offer your best

to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install and bless these members of the 2023 Church Council:

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants

who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,

who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,

that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge

that through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them

in the responsibilities to which they have been called,

giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

We will.

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**

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***Benediction**

Rev. Wines

Postlude

Epilogue on "As With Gladness Men of Old"

William Harris

Mark Frazier, organ