

Order of Worship

Worship Series : A Living Hope

May 21, 2023 10:00 AM

Confirmation Sunday

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

Prelude

O Worship the King

Lloyd Larson

Wesley Ringers I

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Leader: Beloved, let us worship God!

People: Let us give praise to God, the one who rides upon the clouds!

Leader: Parent to orphans and Protector of widows,

People: God gives the desolate a home and leads the imprisoned into prosperity.

Leader: As God led the Israelites through the wilderness and provided for them,

People: we too find our dwelling in God's goodness and provision.

Leader: The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;

People: We gather to listen and ascribe power to God!

All: Awesome is God in the sanctuary of creation!

Blessed be God! Amen.

Hymn

O Worship the King

UMH 73

Prayer of Confession

Life-giving God, we receive your blessing,

but we don't always feel worthy to receive it.

Your call often confuses us

and your love seems too generous.

We worship and pray,

yet we still count the times we fall short

of what we think you expect of us.

Your mercy is abundant,

but we hesitate to open our hearts to receive it.

Get our attention and draw us closer to you,

that we may know the relief of your assurance.

As we pray to you, hear our prayers. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

God hears our faithful prayers
and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion.
Christ advocates on our behalf;
through him, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Anthem

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

Youth Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Casting Your Cares

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Sacrament of Confirmation

Introduction to the Service

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,

we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,

acknowledge what God is doing for us,

and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses the confirmands:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons who are now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

The pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins the candidates and their parents and sponsors in responding:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith

as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

Confirmation

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

_____, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reception into the Local Congregation

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service
and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of the People

Rev. 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."*

Hymn

This Is Amazing Grace

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.
Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.
With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,**

with beauty below us, with beauty above us,
with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed. Amen.

Postlude

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Cathy Moglebust

Wesley Ringers II

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