

# Order of Worship

## *Worship Series: A Living Hope*

May 7, 2023 10:00 AM

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

**Prelude** **Trumpet Jubilation** Richard Frey  
Mark Frazier, organ

**Welcome** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

### **Greeting**

Leader: Come, people of God!  
Take refuge in the Lord,  
who listens when we cry out,

**People: who rescues us when we call,  
and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.**

Leader: You are our God;  
our lives are in your hands.

**People: Let's worship God together!**

**Hymn** **The Church's One Foundation** UMH 545

### **Prayer of Confession** **from Psalm 31**

Leader: Holy God,  
We confess that we have not loved you as you command us to love.  
We have not relied on you as our refuge, choosing instead to seek  
comfort in busyness and distractions.  
We have not trusted that only when we put ourselves in your hands  
can we find the peace we crave.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

Leader: We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as you command us to  
love.  
We buy into the myth that it's every person for themselves.  
We ignore the pain of those around us.  
We refuse your call to care for the poor and the marginalized.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

Leader: We confess that we do not answer your call to steward creation.  
We look upon the earth as something to consume instead of tend.  
We point fingers at others instead of doing what is ours to do.  
We choose comfort over responsibility.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

*Offer silent prayers of confession.*

**All: Amen.**

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: When we call, God inclines an ear to us  
and comes quickly to help us.  
God's love is steadfast to rescue us and redeem us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

### **Anthem**

**Jesus in the Morning**  
Cherub Choir

African-American Spiritual

### **Children's Message**

### **Scripture**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

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

### **Sermon**

**Like Living Stones**

Rev. Wines

### **Prayer of the People**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

### **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**

**Cornerstone**

### **Benediction**

Rev. Wines