Order of Worship

The Path of the Disciple: Learning to Grow July 2, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

* At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude Come to Me Dan Forrest

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (CEB)

Welcome Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Leader: Just as the Lord welcomed us

when we were strangers with no home,

just as the Lord took us in when others said, "No," we seek to be a people of hospitality and inclusion.

All are warmly welcomed here this morning

as we gather to worship and praise God's holy name.

People: Let us worship God!

Hymn The Well

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that, though we claim to love you, our lives do not always reflect that love.

We offer hospitality out of obligation instead of love,

out of care for our own well-being instead of that of others.

We hesitate to welcome others out of fear of rejection

instead of extending compassion as the fruit of your love for us.

In our relationships at work, home, and even church,

too often we choose expediency instead of integrity,

believing the ends justify the means. Help us, we pray.

Free us to live as your children who welcome, nurture, and love our neighbors as we learn to grow as disciples of Christ. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Wines

Leader: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst,

God's grace soothes our souls.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 10:40-42

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Quenching a Thirst Rev. Wines

Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH 396

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 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve TFWS 2241

Benediction Rev. Wines

Postlude Fantasy on the American Hymn Tune "Pisgah" Dale Wood

Mark Frazier, organ

Greeting adapted from a call to worship written by Joseph W. Daniels, Jr., The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 68.

Words of Forgiveness adapted from an assurance of pardon written by Ginna Bairby and posted on pres-outlook.org

Prayer of the People written by Christine Longhurst, in Worship Resources for Lent & World Water Day, 2013. Posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. http://foodgrainsbank.ca/lent_worship_resources.aspx