

Order of Worship

The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God

August 13, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

setting by Austin Lovelace

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord!

People: Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises!

People: Raise up your song in our souls.

Leader: Tell of God's wonderful works!

People: Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

Leader: Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

People: We grow strong in your power and might.

Leader: Remember all that God has done!

People: You shape our lives through every challenge.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: We praise you, Lord!

Hymn

You Are Holy

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you.

We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms,
could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events.

Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear.

But Jesus offered words of encouragement.

Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith
and clutch onto our fears.

Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us.

You will guide and lift us to safety —

that is the promise you have given to us and we believe it.

**When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace.
Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you.
Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples.
Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide.
He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious
by our Lord.

People: Amen.

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

G.H. AllanCorr
arr. by the singers

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Keep on Singing

Rev. Wines

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

TFWS 2212

Benediction

Rev. Wines

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

setting by A. Lovelace

Mark Frazier, organ

Greeting posted on the MinistryMatter website:

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11309/august-6-2023-tenth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-13>

Prayer of Confession written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023. Optional incorporation of "I Need Thee Every Hour" written by Annie S. Hawks, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1989), 397.

Prayer of the People written by Nancy C. Townley and posted on

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8302/worship-connection-august-6-2023>