

Order of Worship

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

August 6, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

Italian Hymn

Felice de Giardini
arr. Howard Helvey

Welcome

Fran Underwood

Greeting

Leader: Are you hungry for a word of hope?

People: We come to be fed and nourished.

Leader: Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

People: We long to see and believe.

Leader: Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

People: We are ready.

Leader: Come! Let us worship.

Hymn

I Believe in Jesus

see songsheet

Prayer of Confession

I Need Thee Every Hour

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Words in *italics* are sung. Words in **bold** are spoken.

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;

No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;

O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.

Merciful God, we need you.

From our internal struggles to the suffering we encounter in our world,

we confess that we need you because, without you,

we would be forever stuck in cycles of conflict and harm.

We wrestle against one another, vying for who is right and who is wrong,

all the while neglecting the ways we harm

by refusing to work together for the good of our neighbors.

We deflect responsibility for caring for the vulnerable to others

**instead of embracing our call to respond
out of the abundance God has given us.
God, we need you.**

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

**We hunger for you, God, and yet we seek fulfillment
in all the wrong places.
We feed our fear of scarcity instead of our trust in your abundance.
We fuel our apathy instead of pouring ourselves out in service.
We nourish our prejudices instead of meeting you in friendship
with those we once called strangers.
God, we need you.**

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

**Forgive us, God, and free us to feast on your abundant love
and pour your love into the world as we commit to wrestling
toward the fulfillment of your reign on earth as it is heaven. Amen.**

*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.:
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Every hour God hears our cries and comes to us, offering us the mercy
and grace that we need. Take comfort in the knowledge that every one
of us is forgiven and blessed.

People: Amen.

Anthem

Shepherd

Cece Winans

Children's Message/Outreach Moment

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Alison MacTavish

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling with Our Hunger

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

All Who Hunger

TFWS 2126

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting posted on the MinistryMatter website:

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

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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

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