

**September 3, 2023 10:00 AM**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Meditation on "There is a Green Hill Far Away"</b>	Leo Sowerby
	Mark Frazier, organ	

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Jesus, Draw Me Close</b>	TFWS 2159
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*See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*  
Search us, O God, and reveal anything in our lives that stands  
between us and your love.  
Search us, O God, show us our sins so that we might confess them,  
Search us, O God, show us places where we have neglected Christian responsibility  
and then teach us how to live on this earth with each other,  
Search us, O God, show us the faces of those we have wronged  
so that we might seek their forgiveness.

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: We have not been called to this hour of worship to wallow in sin and self-pity. God has promised to forgive our sins when we confess them and to cleanse us from all manner of unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*). Rise from your knees as children of God, forgiven from sin and empowered to lead holy lives.

People: **Amen, thanks be to God!**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

**The Way of the Cross**

Rev. Wines

#### **Hymn**

**Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

UMH 175

#### **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**

**Take Up Thy Cross**

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#### **Benediction**

Rev. Wines

#### **Postlude**

**Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from Sonata II**

Felix Mendelssohn

Mark Frazier, organ

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*Greeting written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023.*

*Prayer of Confession/Words of Forgiveness written by Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 151-152.*