

Order of Worship

September 17, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

And Can It Be?

arr. Dan Forrest

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Introduction of the Bishop

Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert

Greeting

Leader: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

People: Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.

Leader: This newness is from God,
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

**People: Rejoice and be glad!
Everything has become new!**

Hymn

Love the Lord

W&S 3116

Opening Prayer

God of steadfast love and mercy,
remind us once again that in Jesus Christ everything has become new.
For far too often, things seem as they have always been:
old habits die hard,
difficult situations linger,
failures from our past linger.
We look for your promised newness but cannot see it.
Speak to us again of your new creation.
Open our eyes to its presence in our lives.
Call us forth to claim this newness, that we may be healed and made whole.
Amen.

Anthem

Praise the Lord, All Creation

Bonnie & David Huntsiner

Cherub & Children's Choirs

Linda Rebuck

Children's Message

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

Leader: Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,

and these words speak to us all.

They tell us who we are.

They tell us that we belong to one another,

for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. We will read and study the Bible together. The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Congregation:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us

as you use this Holy Bible in your home,

in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God's Extreme Makeover

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Prayer of the People

Rev. Tracy McNeil 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

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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Benediction

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson

Postlude

Grand Jeux from Offertory "Mass for the Parishes" Francois Couperin

Mark Frazier, organ

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Bishop, Virginia Annual Conference

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was elected bishop by the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ) of The United Methodist Church and consecrated July 15, 2016. Her first assignment as bishop was to the North Georgia Episcopal Area beginning September 1, 2016. She was assigned to the Virginia Conference at the 2022 SEJ Conference.

A Florida native, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson (or "Bishop Sue") is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. in Business Administration), University of Florida College of Law (J.D.), and Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div.). She was a federal law clerk and a litigator with the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields before she answered her call to ministry.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is known for mission-driven and fruitful appointment making and her work on alignment of focus at the annual conference level. She serves on the Board of Directors for Global Ministries. She serves on the Emory University Board of Trustees as well as five other United Methodist-related colleges and universities in Virginia, and on numerous ministry and agency boards. She chairs the Dean's Advisory Council of The Candler School of Theology and serves on the Board of Governors at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is married to Rev. Allen Johnson. They have a daughter, Samantha. She enjoys NCAA football and basketball, all things Broadway, reading and movies.

To read Bishop Hauptert-Johnson's full biography please visit <https://vaumc.org/bishop/>

Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert serves as the District Superintendent for all churches in the Northern Virginia District. (All churches from the previous Arlington and Alexandria districts are now part of the Northern Virginia District.)

Sarah grew up all over as a military kid (itinerant from an early age!), ending up in Fairfax, Va., graduating from Oakton High School. She has a BA in Economics from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and then became an attorney with her own firm in Fairfax after receiving her law degree from George Mason Law School. After an overwhelming and literal calling from God, Sarah attended Wesley Theological Seminary receiving her Masters of Divinity there and then again a few years later went back for her Doctorate in Church Leadership. Her dissertation work was on clergy peer groups.

Sarah served as associate pastor for 6 years at a large church in Loudoun, planting an offsite for them and developing outreach into the community. She then spent 3 years as a sole pastor, helping revitalize a small church in Luray, Va. She served as the Bi-District (Alexandria and Arlington) Coordinator for Church Revitalization and Leadership Development before she became the Arlington and, now, NOVA District Superintendent.

Greeting and Opening Prayer written by Rebecca Gaudino and posted on ministrymatters.com:

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3622/worship-elements-march-27-2022>

Prayer of the People based on a prayer written by Ann Siddall, in Lent to Easter liturgies: Year C. Posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://stillpoint.unitingchurchsa.org.au/>

"Love the Lord" words and music by Lincoln Brewster

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