

Order of Worship

September 24, 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

Dialog from "Mass for the Parishes"

François Couperin

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Call on God's holy name.

Leader: Sing praises to our God.

People: Tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: The Lord offers bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.

People: God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Let everything that draws breath praise God.

Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

UMH 79

verses 1 - 4

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of infinite patience, we turn complaining into a way of life:

People: "The journey is too long.

The road is hard and our feet hurt.

We're hungry and bored.

This isn't what we signed up for!"

Leader: You've heard it all before, faithful One.

You'll hear it all again.

People: Yet, you never forsake us in our grumbling.

Leader: Shower us with your manifold blessings
and open our lips to sing songs of gratitude.

**People: For we are weary of our complaining
and long to make a fresh start.**

Words of Assurance

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Rejoice, you who seek the Lord.
Count your blessings, not your troubles.
For in acts of gratitude, you will find peace.

People: Amen.

Anthem

God, You're So Good Brooke & Scott Ligertwood,
Children's Choir/Praise Band Kristian Stanfill, Brett Yonker

Children's Message/Dedication of Worship Banners

Leader: We remember with gratitude Richard and Amy Barr
and their faithful service to this church.
We dedicate these banners, which have been given in their memory,
to the glory of God.
May all who see them know the hope, trust, forgiveness,
grace, and peace that is found in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

**All: We dedicate ourselves to be those who embody these sacred words
and who live out their meaning in our daily lives.**

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God,
we thank you for those in our midst
who are examples to us of selfless service.
Encourage and empower us to follow in their footsteps,
embracing all, sharing Christ, and serving others.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*At the conclusion of the message, children and youth
are invited to participate in a special Christian education time just for them.
Please see room numbers listed by age group below.*

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sharing the Load

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

Great Things

Benediction

Rev. Wines

Greeting, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance adapted from material posted on MinistryMatters:
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11316/september-24-2023-seventeenth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-20>

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