

Order of Worship

October 15, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais

Annelisa Crabtree, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Here in this place God's light is shining brightly!

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we honor God's commandments,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we show mercy and compassion,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: We are the light of the world!

People: God's light shines in us!

Hymn

Here in This Place

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving Creator, you have placed within us
the spark of your Divine Light.
As people of your justice and mercy, you cause us to shine.
We long to grow closer to you and to walk in your ways.

**People: And yet, we usually do whatever we want.
We point fingers at others and serve our own interests.
We satisfy ourselves with an hour in worship each week
when there is so much more you ask of us.**

Leader: When we fail to heal your world, forgive us.

**People: Give us hearts that are open, generous, and unafraid,
that your divine spark might ignite within us
and make us shine as beacons of your kindness and your love.
Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Even when we stray,

People: God continues to guide us.

Leader: Even when our souls are parched,

People: God provides for us.

Leader: Even when we call for help,

People: God says, "I'm here."

Leader: Praise God!

People: Amen.

Anthem

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

Herbert Colvin

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who, Me?

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Sacrament of Baptism

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation:

Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the parents:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of the world,

and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations and ethnic groups?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example she may be guided
to accept God's grace for herself,
to profess her faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Emma now
before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the gloomy waters and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and she who receives it,
to wash away her sin
and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
she may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

God Claims You

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COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses those baptized:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

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

Salt and Light

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

We are delighted to have guest organist/pianist **Annelisa Crabtree** with us this morning! Annelisa studied piano and organ at the University of Michigan before moving back to the DC area. Currently an event manager, she's passionate about reality television and French fries and looks forward to the opportunity to meet everyone at Clarendon UMC.

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