

# Order of Worship

October 8, 2023 10:00 AM

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

## Prelude

### Prayer for the Innocents

Michael Helman

Chancel Ringers

*Written in memory of the 49 people killed in Orlando, Florida, and for the families and loved ones of all those who have lost their lives because of hate, intolerance, and violence.*

## Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Greeting

Leader: God gathers us in from the routines of our lives

**People: to this place where new light is streaming.**

Leader: God gathers us in, beloved and cherished,

**People: to this place where love burns brightly.**

Leader: God gathers us in from darkness and fear

**People: to this place where hope is shining.**

Leader: God gathers us in and shows us a vision

**People: of what is possible for people united!**

## Hymn

### Father, We Have Heard You Calling

W&S 3150

## Opening Prayer

Holy God,

before time you named us

and through time you redeem us.

You call us precious in your sight.

Remove the barriers in our hearts and minds

that keep us from working to ensure

that all people know this same truth.

Strengthen us for the labor of justice,

so that we may love all of your children

the way that you love them.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



**Anthem**

**Transitions of the Heart**

Matthew Compton

Chancel Ringers

*Written in honor of two transgender siblings for their courage to follow what was in their hearts  
and with thanks to everyone who supported and accepted their authentic identities.*

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 43:1-4a (CEB)**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Precious in God's Eyes**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**The World Methodist Social Affirmation**

UMH 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, be peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,  
by silence or action:

through the violation of human dignity  
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people  
because of greed and indifference  
through the misuse of power  
in personal, communal, national, and international life;  
through the search for security  
by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology  
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.



Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community  
to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross;  
to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
praying that God's kingdom may come.  
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

**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**

**We Are Called**

TFWS 2172

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**O Worship the King**

arr. Frances L Callahan

Chapel Bells