

Order of Worship

Believing into Christ

April 27, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Pierre a Note Dame

L. Boellman

Steve McBride, piano

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting (Psalm 118)

Leader: Jesus is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn

You Are Holy

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, your love is boundless
and your grace exceeds our imaginations.

**People: You keep finding ways to be among us,
even when the doors of our hearts are locked.**

Leader: Graciously, you seek us out.

**People: We cannot hide,
but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.**

Leader: It has led us from your way and corrupted our best intentions,
tempting us to believe that you don't notice,
that you aren't even present.

**People: Correct our vision.
Cleanse our hearts.
Create in us a place where we can welcome you
and receive the fullness
of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
the power of sin has been defeated.
God's love is stronger still.
This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

Anthem

The Well

Mark Hall/Matthew West

Praise Band

Children's Message

Scripture

John 20:19-31

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this 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 races?

I do.

According to the grace give to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?
I 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 these
persons 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 these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

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.]**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presences, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them 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 the new members:

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."*

Sending Forth

Rev. Wines

Hymn**Christ Has Risen****Benediction**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Postlude**Minuet**

L. Boellman

Steve McBride, organ

Prayer of Confession: <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/april-27-2025-second-sunday-of-easter/>