

Order of Worship

Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

April 6, 2025 10:00 AM

Prelude **Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land** arr. Mark S. Arnold
Wesley Ringers

Welcome Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Leader: We come to worship,
remembering God's goodness that has carried us
and sustained us to this present moment.

People: We remember the days when God covered us in love
and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief,
and wondering when relief will come.

People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

**People: empower us to be your restoration people
who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life!**

Hymn **Joy of the Lord**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of restoration and renewal,
we confess that when faced with hardship and strife,
we are easily overcome by doubt and despair.
Your words of hope and strength are on our lips,
but we have not let them take root in our hearts.
When faced with the suffering of others,
we convince ourselves that our own issues are all we can handle,
and we refuse to be conduits of your comfort and compassion.
We obstruct the flow of healing and stifle your grace.

People: Forgive us, loving God, and break through the self-imposed barriers
that stem from our fear, self-centeredness, and lack of trust.
Empower us to be those who believe your promises and act accordingly,
spreading joy and lifting the hearts of all of your children.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Family of faith, our God is a God of limitless mercy and lavish grace.
Let us rejoice that our confession has been heard
and our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Youth Choir

Cecil Alexander

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Children's Message

Scripture

Psalm 126

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fill Me with Laughter

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 races?

I do.

Will you nurture Hank in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
to accept God's grace for himself,
to profess his 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 Hank 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 Hank
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he 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 dark 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 he who receives it,
to wash away his sin
and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
he 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

Henry Brooks, 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 brother 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

Hank, Hank, God claims you.
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
We this day do all agree,
a child of God you'll always be.
Hank, Hank, God claims you.
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend Hank to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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 Hank:

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.

Prayer of the People

Rev. 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."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

O Spirit of the Living God

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Postlude

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace

Robert Powell

Steve McBride, organ

Sermon Notes:

From now until Easter, here are some goals I am setting for myself to get out of the funk:

- For my mental health: _____

- For my physical health: _____

- For my relationships: _____

- For my self care: _____

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