

Order of Worship

June 22, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

The New Commonwealth

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Greeting

Leader: We come together to worship God,

**People: the One who provides for us,
and knows our needs before we ask.**

Leader: We gather to seek the kingdom of God,

People: to trust in God's care, and to rest in God's peace!

Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious and faithful God,

You have told us not to worry about our lives—

People: but we confess that our hearts are often anxious.

Leader: You provide for the birds of the air and clothe the lilies of the field,

People: yet we struggle to trust that you will provide for us.

Leader: You invite us to seek your kingdom first,

People: but we are easily distracted by foolish things.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for our wandering hearts and anxious minds.

**People: Teach us to trust you more deeply,
and to walk in the freedom of your peace.**

Words of Assurance

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Hear the good news:

God knows what we need—even before we ask.

God, who clothes the fields and feeds the birds,

has poured out mercy through Jesus Christ.

Do not worry, and do not be afraid:

In Christ, you are forgiven, beloved, and held secure.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Celebration of Ordination

God of grace and power, pour out your Spirit on Nilse, as she ministers to all people. Sustain, protect, guide, strengthen, and lead her in all that lies ahead, that together we may be one in ministry to all the world; through the One in whom we all are one, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Sing Out My Soul

Chancel Choir

Marques L.A. Garrett

William Henry Davies

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 6:24-34

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

From Worry to Trust

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Confirmation and Reception of New Members

Introduction to the Service

The pastor addresses 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.

Through confirmation,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,

we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,

acknowledge what God is doing for us,

and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Presentation of Candidates

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses the confirmand and 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 given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

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 who are 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.**

The pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins the candidates and their sponsors in responding:

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.]**

Confirmation

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

DaVillo James, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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 members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
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.

Prayer of the People

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Hymn

Salt and Light

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

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