Order of Worship

Your Story, My Story—God's Story

July 13, 2025 10:00 AM

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

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Prelude Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean Robert Lowry

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

Let me all your love accepting, love you, ever all my days; Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise;

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service

that they represent.

Leader: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

All: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

Hymn Forever

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we remember all the mistakes we have made,

all the careless words we have spoken,

all the contempt we have given to those around us,

we have trouble looking God in the eye.

But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us,

even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts.

Join me as we pray, saying,

All: Again we must confess, Great Spirit of the Universe,

our struggles to be faithful disciples.

Entrusted with all your gifts,

we become fearful once again of misusing them,

missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Companioning God, have mercy on us.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Brother. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and made whole. We are companioned and never left alone.

All: Amen.

Anthem The Lone, Wild Bird Jessica Nelson

Instant Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

One Life to Live Sermon Rev. Hopkins

Prayer of the People Rev. Hopkins

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."

Holy Communion

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive communion.

☐ The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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We lift them up to the Lord.
   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
   It is right to give our thanks and praise. \square
The pastor continues...
   And so.
      with your people on earth
      and all the company of heaven
      we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
   Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
   Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 🎵
The pastor continues...
   And so.
   in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
      we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
      as a holy and living sacrifice,
      in union with Christ's offering for us,
   as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
\square Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. \square
The pastor continues...
   All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
   And now with the confidence of children of God,
   let us pray as our Lord taught us:
   Our Father who art in heaven.
      hallowed be thy name,
      thy kingdom come,
      thy will be done,
      on earth as it is in heaven.
   Give us this day our daily bread
      and forgive us our trespasses
      as we forgive those who trespass against us.
      And lead us not into temptation
      but deliver us from evil.
   For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
   and the glory forever. Amen.
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Sending Forth

Hymn Together We Serve

Benediction Rev. Hopkins

Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano arr. Mark Patterson

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Murky Men (United Methodist Men's group).

If you'd like to join them on Saturday mornings, please contact the office (office@clarendonumc.org).