

Order of Worship

July 6, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

More Love to Thee

arr. Hayes

Steve McBride, piano

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Holy Mystery, you hold this world in your hands.

**All: The people, the places, are all in your heart—
trusting our world will be made whole again.**

Leader: We are your beloved, and we give you thanks.

All: The wholeness you wish for us you wish for ALL people.

Leader: Open our hearts to you as we worship this morning

**All: Fill us with your love, that we may spread that same love,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

Open Up the Heavens

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace, we confess we are in need of healing.

All: Immerse us in your grace.

Leader: We are in need of forgiveness.

All: Immerse us in your healing touch

Leader: We are in need of the faith to heal and to bless.

**All: Immerse us in your acceptance,
and make our gifts of healing presence to others
courageous and radical with Divine Love.**

Leader: Heal our hearts, forgive our sin,

**All: and empower us to live in the fullness of your love,
and in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: God is gracious and merciful
and knows our needs even before they reach our lips.
Still, we engage in confession,

admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts.
Be confident then that each of us are held and embraced in grace,
healing and belonging—and we will never be left alone.

All: Amen

Celebration of Pastoral Appointment

Associate Pastor:

Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins,
who has been appointed to serve as our Lead Pastor.
We believe that he is well qualified
and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Sue Hauptert-Johnson.

Pastor Scott, you have been sent to live among us
as a bearer of the Word of God;
a minister of the Sacraments;
and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor:

Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Associate Pastor to the congregation:

Siblings in Christ,
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Pastor Scott in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We affirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

Associate Pastor:

Let us pray.
Eternal God, we give you thanks for the ministry of Scott Duncan Hopkins.
Strengthen and sustain us in our life together.
Bless richly, we pray, your servant Scott, as he takes up this new role
in our family of faith.
Fill him with the power of your Holy Spirit
and let him continue to find with us an open door for the Word.
Give him and us patience, courage, and wisdom
so to care for one another and challenge one another
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,

living together in love,
and offering our gifts and talents in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lead Pastor kneels, and representatives of the congregation lay hands on his head. The congregation may join by raising hands and unite in this blessing:

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

Children's Message

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Scripture

Galatians 6:1-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

To Be or Not To Be — The Church

Rev. Hopkins

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.

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and click "Make your online offering."*

Holy Communion

Rev. Hopkins

*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.

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. ♪

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.

🎵 **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 🎵

The pastor continues...

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 🎵

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.

Sending Forth

Hymn

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins

Our New Lead Pastor

We are excited to welcome Rev. Scott Duncan "Hop" Hopkins as our new lead pastor. Pastor Scott, also known as "Hop," was born and raised in Atlanta in the Northeast suburbs where he lived until he left for college. He attended Young Harris College from 1981-1983, Mars Hill College from 1985-87 where he graduated with a BA in Religion with focuses in Philosophy and Christian Education. He then attended Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC from 1987-1990. He entered into pastoral ministry in 1987. In 1989, Scott moved to Louisville, KY where he attended Southern Seminary from 1990-1992 and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree with a focus in Pastoral Care.

Scott did Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky where his focus was in the area of Substance Abuse. At the time, he continued this field of work in an inner city ministry in Louisville with addicts and their families with the ministries of the Volunteers of America.

Pastor Scott completed eleven years work in the area of Family Systems Theory including three years post graduate work at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington DC. He was an elected member of the Virginia Annual Conference Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church for many years, a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and the Reconciling Ministries Network. For several years, he served as the Peace With Justice Coordinator for the Virginia Annual Conference of Methodists.

In recent years, he has completed an eighteen month training as a Spiritual Director, in the Ignatian tradition, at The Church of Saint Francis Xavier in New York City.

Scott is 63 years old and in his 38th year in ministry. He is the father of two adult children: Morgan and AnnaGrace. He loves books, the Turner Classic Movies channel, University of Georgia Football, the Green Bay Packers, ACC Basketball, working out at the gym, taking pictures, vintage country music, and the occasional good jazz club in New York City. Welcome Hop!

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