

Order of Worship

September 28, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Prelude in a Classic Style

Gordon Young

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting (Psalm 91)

Leader: Those who dwell in God's presence
find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: We say to the Lord, "You are our refuge, our safe place, the One we trust."

Leader: God surrounds us with care and covers us with love.

People: Under God's wings we find shelter; God's faithfulness is our protection.

Leader: We need not live in fear—for God is near in every hour, day and night.

People: In every shadow, in every trial, God is present and strong.

Leader: The Lord says, "When you call to me, I will answer.
I will be with you in times of trouble and surround you with my love."

**All: We trust in God's promise:
to be our refuge, our companion, and our salvation.**

Hymn

A Charge to Keep I Have

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,
you call us to trust in your promises,
even when the world around us seems filled with fear and uncertainty.
Like Jeremiah, we hear your word of hope,
yet too often we cling to doubt.

**All: You ask us to plant seeds of faith,
but we confess that we hesitate —
holding back our trust,
fearing the future,
and relying on our own strength.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord,
for the times when despair feels easier than hope,

when we ignore your call to live as a people of promise.

**All: Renew in us the courage to believe
that your plans are for life, not destruction;
for peace, not despair.**

Leader: Restore our trust in you, O God.

**All: Help us to live as witnesses
so that families, jobs, and communities will again flourish,
because your faithfulness never fails.**

Leader: In Christ's name we pray,

All: Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Hear the good news:

Our God is a God of promise and possibility.

Just as the prophet Jeremiah proclaimed abundance

after a time of chaos in the Old Testament,

so now Christ proclaims that life will rise from despair,

and hope will spring forth from broken ground.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It's Not About the Crumbs

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the person coming into membership and their sponsor.

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 faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the sponsor.

Will you who sponsor this candidate
support and encourage him in his 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 this person
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 this person

**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.**

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 person 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 this person 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 the new member:

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.

Morning Prayer

Rev. Lima

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 Great Thanksgiving prayer is offered, concluding with:

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

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.

Sending Forth

Hymn

Jesus Messiah

Benediction

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by the Clarendon Youth Group
in memory of Chris Lantos.

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