

# Order of Worship

October 12, 2025 10:00 AM

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

**Prelude**

**Festive Praise**

Susan E. Geschke

Chapel Bells

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**Greeting**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: This morning, on the 5th anniversary of Clarendon UMC becoming a reconciling church, we celebrate the work of our Reconciling Ministries team and the work of the 2024 General Conference, which voted to make our denomination more welcoming, affirming, and inclusive of all.

**People: We give thanks for the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Prepare us, O God, for the transformation that is still to come. Draw us in and help us to come together in Christian unity, keeping our focus on your love and connection.**

Leader: There is still so much work to do. Help us to cherish our differences while we learn to live and love. Challenge us to grow in love.

**People: We enter into this new day with possibility and hope. Transform our hearts so that we may transform your world in light and love. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Gathered Here to Share Our Music**

Jann Aldredge-Clanton

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us center ourselves for prayer.

With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation – the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones – all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us – individually and as a whole – as your beloveds. Your will for us is life abundant, and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

**People:** And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another.  
Destructive and divisive powers lure us away  
from connection and relationship.  
We forget that we need each other.  
We pretend that our lives are not deeply entangled.  
When injustice threatens our neighbors, we too easily cower or hide.  
Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult,  
we, too, are tempted to desert those most vulnerable.

**Words of Assurance**

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

**Leader:** But, gracious God, you do not abandon us to our fear or sin.  
In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join  
in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open.  
No matter our past. No matter our regrets.  
No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others,  
you keep calling us back to you.  
God, we rest assured in this relentless invitation of yours that entices with  
freedom and joy and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

**All:** Amen.

**Psalm**

**Psalm 66**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Anthem**

**All Are Welcome (All Belong)**

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**Luke 17:11-19**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Touched and Made Whole**

Rev. Hopkins

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Leader:** Holy One, we give thanks for the LGBTQIA+ individuals, parents and allies  
who have called Clarendon UMC home and have worked for this  
community and the broader church to be places where all can grow in  
love of God and neighbor.

**People:** We give thanks for the persistence and courage of those who led Clarendon to become a reconciling congregation, choosing bold public support over luke-warm, whispered acceptance, even in the midst of the 2020 pandemic.

**Leader:** We give thanks for those who led and participated in the many months of discernment and education that brought us together.

**People:** We joyfully remember the overwhelmingly positive vote at the church conference where we, as a family of faith, publicly declared our intention to be a welcoming and inclusive reconciling community.

**Leader:** Gracious God, you bring each of us together with divine intention. We give thanks that you call us beloved. May each person in this community be fully seen, cherished, and embraced.

**People:** God of Justice, give us strength to continue working for inclusion throughout the whole church until no one is excluded.

**Leader:** Spirit of Compassion, guide us in ministries of reconciliation for those who are harmed by rejection, silence or exclusion in the name of religion.

**People:** God of Celebration, knit us together in joy as we honor the beauty and resilience of LGBTQIA+ people in our congregation and beyond.

**Leader:** Loving God, we commit ourselves to raising children and youth in a church where they are safe and celebrated and free to be who you made them to be.

**People:** We commit ourselves to shaping a denomination where gifts and callings are affirmed across the diversity of age, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition or disability status.

**Leader:** We commit ourselves to bearing witness in our city and nation at a time when trans youth and adults and other members of the LGBTQIA+ community are under attack.

**People:** We commit ourselves to joyfully proclaiming the vastness of your grace until your justice and love flow through all creation.

**Leader:** Strengthen us to keep dancing, singing, and celebrating even as we labor for justice, knowing that joy is also sacred resistance.

**People:** With deep gratitude and hope we pray. Amen.

## 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. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

*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.**

**Communion Anthem**

**All Belong Here**

Praise Band

Hannah Rand

Lenora Rand

## Sending Forth

**Hymn**

**Sing a New World Into Being**

Mary Louise Bringle

**Benediction**

Rev. Hopkins

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Greeting: Reconciling Ministries Network resources,

<https://rmnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Liturgy-for-a-New-Day-General-Conference-Worship-Response-Resource.pdf>, adapted.

Prayer of Confession: God's Relentless Invitation, Enflesh,

<https://enfleshed.com/blogs/liturgies/communion-gods-relentless-invitation/>, adapted

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