

Order of Worship

December 28, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

** At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Bethlehem Lullaby

Malcolm Archer

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: We gather to worship the Word made flesh,
who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.

People: The God we worship was a refugee.

Leader: We remember the children,
from the time of Christ to today,
caught in the cross-fires of fear and greed.

People: The boy Jesus we adore was a refugee.

Leader: We gather to dream and build a better world
where all children grow up, all exiles return home.

People: The God we worship welcomes all to this place this morning

Leader: Make visible to us the ties that bind
us to each other, to all creatures, and to you.
Move us to guard each other's well-being
and to treat each other's struggles as our own,
that we may live into the perfect kinship
already ours through Jesus our brother,
woven together by his Spirit.

People: For all You have called us to, we thank you God.

Welcome us into your Presence this day

All: Amen.

Carols

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

[silence]

All: Loving God, help us.

When we have run away,

when we have turned our backs on love,

when we have sought immediate satisfaction

and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we have been selfish,

when we have been mean,

when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us.

When we are so broken we cannot move,

when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds,

when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope

to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,

strengthen us in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 63:7-9

Rev. Lima

Anthem

Angels' Canon

arr. Michael Larsen

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Innocence Gives Birth to Wisdom

Rev. Hopkins

Carol

What Child Is This

Morning Prayer

Rev. Lima

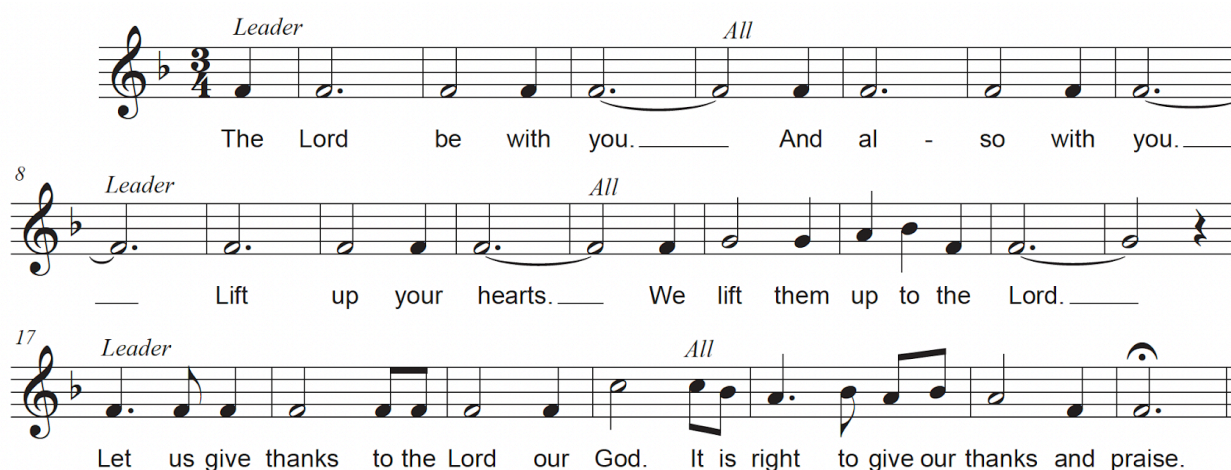
Offering

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.
You may go to the Online Worship page of our website 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.*



Leader All

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

8 Leader All

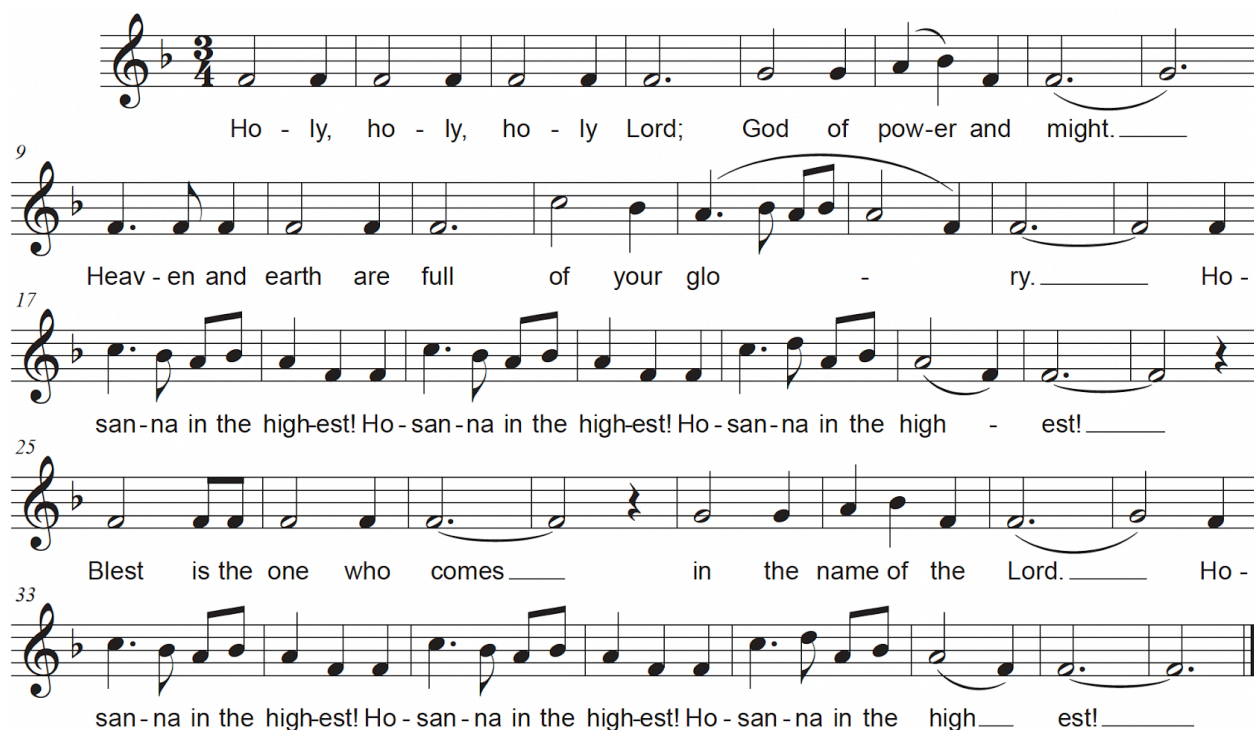
— Lift up your hearts. — We lift them up to the Lord. —

17 Leader All

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might.

9 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

17 san-na in the high-est! Ho - san-na in the high-est! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

25 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

33 san-na in the high-est! Ho - san-na in the high-est! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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.



The pastor continues...

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



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

Rev. Lima

***Carol**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Grand Fantasia on Joy to the World

Marc E. Cheban

Steve McBride, organ

Today's altar flowers are given by Kasey Glynn in honor of her dad who celebrated his birthday yesterday and her mom who celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Acolytes: Micah Vincent

Communion Steward: Pam Gibert

Greeters: Jason Harrington, Attila Lantos

Usher: Dianne Swanson

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