

# Order of Worship

March 1, 2026 10:00 AM

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

**Prelude**

**Benedictus**

Alex Rowley

Steve McBride, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

**Greeting**

Leader: Gather us together Jesus

**People: that we might take shelter under your wings.**

Leader: For I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord

**People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O God.**

Leader: Peace be within all of us — siblings of Jesus,  
Family of Faith named Clarendon.

**People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, let us seek good!**

**Hymn**

**The Church's One Foundation**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

**People: But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.**

Leader: Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast,  
and that it is not proud.

**People: But we confess that sometimes we have been envious,  
and boastful, and proud.**

Leader: Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

**People: But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of  
those around us, thinking only of ourselves.**

Leader: Your word tells us that love is not easily angered,  
and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

**People: But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle,  
and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.**

Leader: Your word says that love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth,  
that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**People:** Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil,  
but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love.  
Protect us with Your love, Lord,  
and help us to choose the way of trusting You, putting our hope in You,  
and persevering in Your ways, knowing that love never fails,  
and that You never fail.

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Jesus is our Hope,  
so we do not have to hope alone.  
So know the Good News and proclaim it to one another.  
Let the empty spaces between us be Holy Ground.  
This place of worship is the place of forgiveness.  
Welcome home on this part of your journey.  
Here you will rest. Here you will be fed, healed, and made whole.  
Welcome home!

**People:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

Rev. Lima

### **Anthem**

**Your Word Is a Lamp**

Traditional

Cherub Choir

### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture**

**John 3:1-17**

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

**On The Journey To Love**

Rev. Hopkins

### **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. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*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 also 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.**

**Communion Anthem**

**I Will Arise**

arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

**Sending Forth**

Whitney Maine, Lay Leader

**Hymn**

**God So Loved**

**Benediction**

Rev. Hopkins

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