

# Order of Worship

April 19, 2026 10:00 AM

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

**Prelude**

**Jesus Shall Reign**

Sondra K. Tucker

Wesley Ringers

**Welcome**

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

**Greeting**

Leader: At early dawn, women came to the tomb  
carrying love, courage, and memory.  
They came before certainty, before understanding,  
trusting faithfulness more than answers.

**People: They came seeking faithfulness, and God met them with life.  
Hope rose where grief had settled, and the story changed forever.**

Leader: Through women's voices,  
God's promises were remembered and proclaimed.  
Their witness carried truth when others were still afraid to believe.

**People: Through their witness, hope rose before the sun.  
Resurrection was spoken aloud by those the world often overlooked.**

Leader: Today we gather to hear the stories God entrusted to women.  
Stories of courage, faith, perseverance, and holy boldness.

**People: We receive their witness and join the song of resurrection.  
We rise to live and speak the good news they first proclaimed.**

**Hymn**

**I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Faithful God, we confess that we have often overlooked  
the voices you chose to speak through  
and doubted testimony that did not come  
wrapped in power or privilege.  
We have silenced courage with fear  
and dismissed wisdom when it challenged us.  
Forgive us for failing to trust the witnesses you sent,  
and forgive us for resisting the new life you were already bringing forth.**

## Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Hear the good news: God has always entrusted the gospel to those willing to rise, remember, and speak. In Christ, forgiveness is offered freely, and new life is already at work among us. We are restored, renewed, and invited to live as people who trust resurrection voices.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven and invited to walk in new life.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Anthem

### Sing to the Lord

H. Hopson/A. Vivaldi

Youth Choir

## Children's Message

### Scripture

**Luke 24:1-12**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### The Witness of Women

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

## Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.*

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.***

Will you who sponsor these candidates  
support and encourage them in their 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 these  
persons 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 these persons  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk 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 persons 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 these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them 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 members:*

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.

**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.*

*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**

**Joy of the Lord**

**Benediction**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam