

Order of Worship

April 26, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Hayes

Steve McBride, piano

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen,
to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: We gather to worship and to discern,
to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos
and the noise of our lives.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: We gather to worship and to find shelter,
to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety
and provide for us in all things.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus
who guides us, protects us, provides for us,
and draws us together in community.

**People: We come to worship as the family of Christ,
a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

Hymn

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of wisdom,
we confess the foolishness of our ways,
and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships –
with you and with others.

**All: We have gone astray; we feel lost.
We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.**

Leader: We have failed to be generous with the poor
and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.

We feel the stains of our sins, God;
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
Wash the sinfulness out of us
and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.

**Leader: We seek your unfailing Lordship
and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.
You are the immortal, invisible One;
to you be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Merciful and loving God,
we thank you for never losing hope for us.
When we are lost, you are there on the lookout for us,
bringing us back to you like the Good Shepherd that you are.
May this joy flow into our lives each day,
and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.
Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

People: Amen.

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Lima

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers

Allen Pote/M.L. Thompson

Children's Message

Scripture

John 10:1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living The Resurrection — Together and Never Alone

Rev. Hopkins

Pastoral 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. Lima

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life,
together with their children, are invited to receive communion.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues...

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

Rev. Lima

***Hymn**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Carter

Steve McBride, organ

Bulletin cover: "The Good Shepherd" Images of women agricultural workers became a popular subject in French painting of the mid-late 19th century. Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the "good shepherd." Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff/rod, and one who tends the flock.

Dupre, Julien, 1851-1910. The Good Shepherd, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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