

Order of Worship

May 10, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Aria

Flor Peeters

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: Loving God, we praise you!

All: Risen Christ, we greet you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

All: You, O God, are holy, and we worship you.

Leader: You love us, and though you are veiled in mystery,
you reveal yourself to us.

**All: You send your Spirit to be with us,
so that we know that we are in you, and you are in us.**

Leader: You created all things, and from one Being you made all peoples.

All: You made us to reach out to you and to find you.

Leader: And we do find you, for in you we live and move and have our being.

**All: Alleluia! Send your Spirit upon us now,
and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

Hymn

At the Font We Start Our Journey

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray:

Eternal God,

Creator of all that is,

in you, we live and move and have our being.

You have placed us on earth

and sustained our being through the produce of the land

and the cleanness of the air we breathe.

**All: You have made us for each other,
to tend and care for the weak
and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources.
But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people**

**who hoard what the earth provides
and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labors,
who live for today with little thought for tomorrow,
who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Loving and Grace-Filled God,
you know us in our inner most being.
In your grace, you bring to us forgiveness
even before we have the chance to speak our sorrow.
You embrace us in our sinfulness.
And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again,
to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus,
who chose the way of the Cross
that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.
We are Forgiven. I am Forgiven. You are Forgiven.
Yes, indeed-- we are all forgiven and made new creations.
Go with that assurance.

All: Amen.

Scripture 1 Peter 3:13-22 (MSG)

Rev. Lima

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Scripture John 14:15-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Filled With Passion, Carried by Gentleness

Rev. Hopkins

Sacrament of Baptism

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation:

Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the parents:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of the 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.

Will you nurture Robert and Theodore in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

We 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 Robert and Theodore 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 Robert and Theodore
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.**

The pastor addresses all:

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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and they who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Robert Nolan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Theodore Cyrus, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brothers in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

God Claims You

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Child of promise, God claims you.
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
We this day do all agree,
a child of God you'll always be.
Child of promise, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend Robert and Theodore 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 Robert and Theodore:

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.

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. 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.*

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

Love the Lord

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins

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