

Order of Worship

May 31, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Trumpet Procession and Tune

Bowden

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Greeting

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

People: We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

People: We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Confession

Leader: As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being.

All: Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest on our own agendas.

We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us.

Leader: We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer.

We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: We trust in these promises:
that the Triune God, in each of its persons,
promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth.
The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for
reconciliation of all of God's people and for Creation.
In this Presence, we trust and give thanks. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen

Scripture 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Lift Every Voice and Sing

arr. Jason W. Krug

Fran Underwood, handbells; Steve McBride, piano

Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Save the Last Dance for Me

Rev. Hopkins

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

How Great Is Our God

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins