

# Order of Worship

June 14, 2026 10:00 AM

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

## Prelude

### Be Still, My Soul

arr. Bjorck

Steve McBride, piano

## Welcome

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

## Greeting

Leader: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

**People: Whether we are certain or full of doubts,  
God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

**People: Whether the path is straight or winding,  
God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

**People: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone,  
God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

**People: God, form us today as a family of faith,  
that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world,  
drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

### Open Up the Heavens

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

**People:** Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back.  
Other times, we are children testing boundaries,  
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

**Leader:** And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion,  
demanding to be cut loose and set free,  
not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.  
But most of all, too often we think we are adults  
and have figured it all out and know our own way,  
only to stumble and stray so far.

**People:** Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children,  
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,  
that we always have much to learn.  
Help us to seek You every day,  
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,  
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**Leader:** Family, the grace of God is greater than our failures,  
deeper than our divisions, and stronger than our sin.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and invited again  
into communion with God and with one another.  
Receive this gift of grace and walk in newness of life.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Anthem**

### **Worth**

Anthony Brow

Praise Band; Maurice Furtado-Gilliam, soloist

### **Children's Message**

### **Scripture**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

### **Lessons We Learned Together**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

### **Morning Prayer**

Mrs. Suenir Furtado

### **Offering**

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.  
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## Holy Communion

Bishop Nelson Magalhães Furtado

*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.**

**Communion Anthem**

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

arr. Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

## **An Order of Farewell to a Pastor**

Pastor Nilse: Clarendon United Methodist Church family,  
it has been a joy to have ministered here among you.  
I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been received.  
I acknowledge the times I fell short,  
and I am thankful for your grace toward me.  
As I leave, I carry with me the lessons I have learned,  
the experiences we have shared,  
and the love and support you have shown to me and my family.

**People: We receive your gratitude with open hearts,  
and we express our deep appreciation for your ministry among us.  
We, too, ask for your grace wherever we have fallen short.  
We acknowledge God's call for you to leave  
and begin a new season of ministry at Duncan Memorial UMC.  
Your influence and impact on our faith community will remain**

**and be part of your enduring legacy.**

Pastor Nilse: Friends, I trust that our time together has been pleasing to God.  
I release you into God's care as you continue Living Love  
by embracing all, sharing Christ, and serving others.  
I will pray for you and ask that you do the same for me

Rev. Lima: Nilse, we commit to praying for you and your family  
and we ask God to bless you in this next chapter of leadership.  
We now send you forth to follow where Jesus leads.

**People: From where you are to where you are needed,**

Pastor Nilse: Jesus, now lead on.

**People: From the security of what you know  
to the adventure of where God is calling you,**

Pastor Nilse: Jesus, now lead on.

**People: To partner with God in shaping a new community of believers,**

Pastor Nilse: Jesus, now lead on.

**People: Because good things have been prepared  
for those who love God,**

Pastor Nilse: Jesus, now lead on.

Pastor Hop: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for the joy of having served together  
and we commend one another into your care  
as we move in new directions.  
Keep us one in your love forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Are Ye Able**

**Benediction**

Rev. Nelson Furtado, Jr.

**Postlude**

**Stately March**

Galbraith

Steve McBride, organ

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*<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/prayer-of-confession-walking-with-god.html>.*

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