

Order of Worship

July 19, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mark Hayes

Steve McBride, piano

Welcome

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Greeting

Leader: Whom do you seek here in this place?

People: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

Leader: Who has told you of God?

People: Jesus Christ, God's Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.

Leader: We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us in our time together.

Hymn

I Will Follow

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems.

People: It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that life in the Spirit requires patience.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is.

People: Help us to understand the commitment we make in your free grace and mercy.

Inspire us to live our life together to do more than we ever thought we could.

Leader: Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others.

Forgive us Lord. Come, Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts on this day.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Leader: Even though you doubt and question, God's love is always near to you. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you, God will never fail or abandon you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven.

People: Amen!

The 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 Annie in Christ's holy Church,

that by your teaching and example she may be guided

to accept God's grace for herself,

to profess her 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 Annie 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 Annie
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks 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 she who receives it,
to wash away her sin
and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
she 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

Annie Mae, 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 sister 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 a member of the family of Christ.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

God Claims You

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

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend Annie to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her 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 Annie:

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.

Children's Message

Scripture

Psalm 84

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Journeying to a Place for All

Rev. Lima

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hopkins

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 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 with the Great Thanksgiving prayer, concluding with:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, 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

Lovely Is Your Earthly Dwelling

Mary Louise Bringle

Benediction

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

L. Boellman

Steve McBride, organ

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