

Order of Worship

August 9, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Poem

C. Callahan

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.

**People: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**

Leader: God has told you what is good
and what does the Lord require of you?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
In this reality, and for this purpose,
we have been baptized and nurtured into the community of grace
in which we have come to worship.**

Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us,
but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction.
We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,
forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.

People: Set us free from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world,
to the glory of your holy name.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Amen.

Children's Message

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 this child in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
to accept God's grace for himself,
to profess his 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 Emmett
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 this child
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he 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 he who receives it,
to wash away his sin
and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
he 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

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 brother 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

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 this child to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase his faith,

confirm his hope, and perfect him 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 child:

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.

Scripture Ps 105:1-6, 16-23, 44-45 (CEB)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Hand of God on Every Life

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 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.**

Communion Anthem

Thank You, Lord

Dennis Jernigan

Sending Forth

Hymn

Salt and Light

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins
