

Order of Worship

August 30, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Softly and Gently, Jesus is Calling

Bjorck

Steve McBride, piano

Welcome

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Greeting (*Psalm 46*)

Leader: In this present time, no matter what passes before us,

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: As earth shakes and nations are in an uproar,

People: God is present with us and is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: As the world trembles in fear and worry,

People: May we find stillness and peace, knowing God is God of all.

Hymn

The Well

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Divine Grace, Jesus promised paradise to his neighbor on the cross.

No matter what transgression the person had carried out,

Jesus still promised a future filled with hope, mercy,

and filled with your love.

And yet, even when we pray,

"your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,"

we like to limit paradise for our neighbors.

We quietly ask:

"What have they done in their lives that they must ask for help,

receive assistance, and lack health?"

Yet what we don't realize is that their misfortunes are not for us to judge.

All: Beloved God, open our hearts wide to mercy—

both in receiving and in extending it to others.

May we shun judgment and open our hearts

to a paradise here on earth where all your children

can abide in peace and wholeness.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Rob Vaughn

Leader: Through the words and acts of Jesus,
we experience peace, hope, and grace.
God's love is beyond limits and will move us to open ourselves
to the beauty of infinite mercy.

All: Amen.

Anthem

It Is Well

arr. Dick Wall

Children's Message

Scripture

Mark 1:9-11 (NRVSUE)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tattoos and Super Soakers

Rev. Vaughn

Morning Prayer

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

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. Vaughn

*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

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Hymn

Eternal God Transcending Time

Benediction

Rev. Vaughn

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Willan

Steve. McBride, organ

This morning we welcome Rev. Rob Vaughn! Rob is a FOTH (Friend of Tracy & Hop) having served as a pastor in NoVA for 36 of his 48 years of local church ministry. For the last 11 years, Rob has also served as adjunct faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary teaching about sexuality & faith combining a Ph.D. in sexual health and sexuality education with theological studies. A long-time friend of Clarendon, Rob has presented here about general conferences, denominational issues, and mission engagement, especially about the UMC in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.