Order of Worship

October 18, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude **Jesus Loves Me** Traditional
Clarendon Ringers

Welcome

Greeting

Leader: Holy One, source of life!
All: **Divine Presence, blossoming of love!**
Leader: Spirit of Unity, breathing among us!
All: **We open the window of our hearts to your light.**
We worship you in gratitude, in response to the grace
that comes to us in every way, and every place.

Hymn **Great Things**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray for our forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing.
All: **God, we confess we have paid the tribute of our lives**
to worldly authorities and not to you.
We have forgotten that we are made in your image,
and we are yours.
Receive us again, reclaim us, redeem us.
Forgive our sin, heal our fear,
and stamp us with grace
so you may give us freely to the world.

Prayer of Assurance Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: God of love, you hold our hearts in your hands.
God of love, you hold our lives in your light.
God of love, you hold this present moment in your care.
We are still, and we listen for your voice.
All: **Amen.**

Anthem **Make a Joyful Noise** Jeremy Russell

Children's Choir

Children's Message

Scripture **Exodus 33:12-23**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **The Hiding Place** Rev. Hopkins

Morning 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 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…

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues…

You gave yourself to us in Jesus,

pouring love over us, filling us with grace.

You took bread and said:
"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

You took drink from the vine and said:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The pastor continues…

The disciples did not understand.
We do not understand.
But we remember.
May our remembering connect us to you and one another even
in such strange times. So let us proclaim this mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues…

Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
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 **Bread of the World** Alan Bullard
Chancel Choir

Sending Forth

Hymn **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Benediction

Postlude **I Will Magnify the Lord** M. Williams

Steve McBride, organ

Bulletin cover: "**The Hand of God is My Refuge"** by Frank Wesley, 1923-2002
Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. Wesley's painting "Blue Madonna" was used for the first UNICEF Christmas card, while five of his paintings were exhibited at the 1950 Holy Year Exhibition in the Vatican. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes.

Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. The Hand of God is My Refuge, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/59261 [retrieved October 13, 2026]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm.