Order of Worship

October 25, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude **Morning Song of Praise** Jason W. Krug
Wesley Ringers

Welcome

Greeting

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place!
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place!
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!
Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.
One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place!
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hymn **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of mercy, each of us has harmed others, and we confess.
All: Our systems and institutions have caused harm, and we confess.
Leader: We confess that our culture and our nation have caused harm.
All: We live on stolen land; we benefit from exploited labor.
Leader: Our church has harmed people, judging and excluding them.
All: We have ignored the pain of those who have been abused or violated.
Leader: We confess the abuse of power in private relationships
and in public policies.
All: Forgive us, God, and cleanse us of our sin and our desire to hide our sin.
For all who abuse power, may we show them another way.
For all who have been abused, may we offer dignity,
healing and belonging.
Make of us a voice of truth, an invitation to repentance,

a bulwark of justice.
God of grace, forgive us, heal us, and set us aright.

Prayer of Assurance Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: We receive your love. We wonder at your love.
We offer your love to all the world.
Fill us with your love.
All: **Amen.**

Anthem **I Choose Love** Mark Miller
Youth Choir

Children's Message

Scripture **Matthew 22:34-46**

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Making a Choice to Love** 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…

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues…

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.

Sending Forth

Hymn **Love the Lord**
Benediction

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