

# Order of Worship

July 14, 2024 10:00 AM

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

## Prelude

**Pavane, Op. 50**

Gabriel Fauré

Laura Henderson, organ

arr. Julian Elloway

## Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Greeting

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**People: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**People: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**People: We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

Leader: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

**People: Let us worship in wisdom and truth!**

## Hymn

**To God Be the Glory**

UMH 98

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world.

We have not spoken truth with our hearts.

We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.

We have forgotten our true identity,

wandering into ways that are not yours.

**People: We have lost the path of true worship,  
focusing on form and words rather than deeds.**

**We have forgotten what true discipleship is.**

Leader: And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.

Forgive us and help us live into becoming

the people you have created and called us to be:

people of justice and love and truth

and humility, and yes, even foolishness.

**People: May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity,  
even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.**

## Words of Assurance

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: God has called us and blesses us  
when we live God's ways and not the world's.  
God's love embraces us  
even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions.  
Know that the God of blessing  
loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness.  
And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

**All: Amen.**

## Anthem

### I Will Joyfully Sing

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir, Laura Edelbrock, piano

## Children's Message

## Scripture

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Foolish Love

Rev. Wines

## Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

## Offering

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.*

*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website  
and click "Make your online offering."*

## Sending Forth

## Hymn

### How Great Is Our God

## Benediction

Rev. Wines

Call to Worship: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/09/call-to-worship-james-3-4.html>

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by Joanne Carlson Brown and published in the  
Abingdon Worship Annual.

Prayer of the People:

<https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2023/01/22/epiphany-4a-4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

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