

Order of Worship

September 1, 2024 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Aria

Flor Peeters

Steven McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: We gather together in the house of the Lord.

People: God welcomes us with open arms.

Leader: Here in this place, there is room for everyone.

People: We come, knowing God delights in our presence.

Leader: Christ has prepared this place for us,
where all are accepted and none are turned away.

**People: May we extend that same hospitality to others,
creating a community of warmth and welcome.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to love
and serve one another with open hearts!

Hymn

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious and welcoming God,
we confess that we have not always lived as people
who reflect Your love and hospitality.

**People: You call us to be one body, united in Christ,
yet we allow divisions to separate us.**

Leader: You invite us to welcome the stranger,
yet we often turn away from those who are different.

**People: You ask us to open our hearts and homes,
yet we cling to our comfort and security.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have failed
to embody Your radical hospitality.

**People: Strengthen our resolve to build a community
where love and hospitality are at the center.**

Leader: Lead us, O God, to live as faithful disciples,
who welcome all to the table of Your grace.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, who unites us all, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Hear the good news: God's love is boundless, and God's grace is unending. Though we have strayed and failed to live as one, and include everyone at our table, God's mercy is ever-present, welcoming us back with open arms. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live as people of unity and hospitality.

People: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Christ in Me Greets the Christ in You

Rev. Wines

Hymn

Christ Beside Me

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Victory Chant

Benediction

Rev. Wines