

# Order of Worship

September 29, 2024 10:00 AM

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

## Prelude

## Pastorale

Jean Langlais

Annelisa Crabtree, organ

## Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

## Greeting

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of creation,

**People: who formed the earth and all that is in it.**

Leader: Let us seek justice for all that God has made,

**People: and walk humbly as stewards of the earth.**

Leader: The Creator calls us to care, to act, and to love.

**People: We come to worship with hearts open to justice  
and hands ready to serve!**

## Hymn

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have misused your good creation.

**People: In our pursuit of comfort and convenience,  
we have ignored the destruction of the earth  
and the suffering of the vulnerable.**

Leader: We confess that our actions have contributed  
to the imbalance of your world,  
and that we have failed to seek justice for all living beings.

**People: Forgive us for our greed, our indifference, and our neglect.**

Leader: Renew in us a heart of compassion and a desire  
to care for the world you made,

**People: that we may be agents of healing, restoration, and justice.  
In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: The God who created the heavens and the earth is also the God of  
boundless mercy. When we fall short in caring for creation and seeking

justice, God's grace meets us. In Christ, we are forgiven, and through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to be agents of change.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem**

**Look at the World**

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Time Is Now**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Reception of New Members**

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

Reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord,

in union with the church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace give to you,

will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Will you who sponsor these candidates

support and encourage them in their Christian life?

**I will.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these  
persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
[the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.]**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.*

As a member of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church,

and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

***I will.***

#### RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presences, your gifts,  
your service, and your witness?

***I will.***

#### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses the new members:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

#### **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**

**Here I Am, Lord**

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**Benediction**

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For information about United Methodist thought on prayer beads visit:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/prayer-beads-for-united-methodists>