

# Morning Order of Worship

## Confirmation Sunday

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### PROCESSION/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

\* HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, from time to time we experience a new beginning in our faith journey, when the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives to inspire us, to lead us, and to deepen our commitment to Christ.

**Today, we praise the Lord for what has been happening in our life.**

We rejoice in the experience of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We give God thanks for what is happening in the lives of our youth who will join our congregation today.

**In the love of Christ we encouraged you, and we pray that God will continue to bless you. To God's name be glory and praise. Hallelujah!**

### \* OPENING PRAYER

\* HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Confirmands:*

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

**I do.**

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

**I do.**

*Confirmands:*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, who created the heavens and the earth, a strong tower, a refuge in the storm, all powerful, holy, good and wonderful; who sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He is the light of the world, the good shepherd who laid his life down for his sheep and sacrificed himself for our sins. He is the image of the invisible God; the head of the church; the Lamb of God. He is the way, the truth and the life, and I will always believe in him.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is that part of God that is sent to live within our heart. The Holy Spirit teaches us about God's will and shows us the way of life. The Spirit urges us to take action. The Spirit is the fire, wind and power of God.**

Do you believe in the Church?

**I believe the church is a place to receive Christ, to come and pray, to receive communion, baptism and to learn about God. It is where we can receive the Holy Spirit, witness the power of God and be taught by God. The Church is more than just a place. It is the body of Christ. It is the hands, feet and muscles of God. The Church embraces people no matter what race or color. The Church is the people, not the building.**

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do. I believe God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. It contains everything I need to know for salvation.**

*Confirmands:*

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I do.**

\* HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues"

*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.**

*(Confirmands may be seated)*

\* HYMN OF ANOINTING "Spirit Song"

### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*(Confirmands will be called up individually. Family members are invited to join them at this time).*

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

(name), you are a child of God, a servant of Christ, and a temple of the Holy Spirit. May almighty God bless you and keep you, and may you live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Confirmands:*

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your

presence, your gifts, and your service?

**I will.**

*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.

**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, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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.

**Amen.**

#### DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Please fill out and pass the registration pads. Please note the blue prayer concern cards in the pews, if you would like prayer, fill one out and place in offering plate.*

\* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:41-47

SERMON "A New Generation" Rev. Tim Ozment

\* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" 593, vs. 1,2

\* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

593, vs. 3

\* POSTLUDE