

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION *and* RECEPTION

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 given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **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 eternal.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith through the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.

The pastor addresses the candidate for baptism:

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith? **I do.**

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The pastor addresses the confirmands:

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and as a member of this congregation will you do all in your power to strengthen its ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness? **I will.**

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.

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.

Closing Music

Benediction:

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.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment. There are two ways of doing this: either publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation or being baptized if they have not been previously. During confirmation class, confirmands learn about the meaning of our Christian faith; the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing.

CONFIRMATION is an important rite of passage for our youth. It is the time when each confirmand affirms their baptism and assumes the responsibility for their own faith. Today we celebrate the completion of the confirmation process with the understanding that confirmation isn't the end of their faith walk, but rather the beginning. It is an experience that lays a solid foundation for a life long journey of following Jesus and living in a way that is worthy of the cross.

We celebrate today with our confirmands and their families!

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