

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! . . . . . arr. Wilbur Held

### Introit

"Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen Indeed" . . . . . Stephen Sturk

*Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed; O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 606

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

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *The peace of God is with us.*

People: Christ Jesus stands among us.

Leader: *By the power of the Holy Spirit,*

People: we have seen the risen Lord.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

\*Hymn 238 . . . . . "Thine Is the Glory"

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. In baptism you join us to Christ in his death, that we might be raised with Christ in new life, but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. In baptism you call us to unity, but we foster division in the church and allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, pitting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. In baptism you send us to serve with compassion all your children, but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed, the plight of the poor, and the cries of the hungry. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sinful ways, and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world. Amen.

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

## Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Concerns of the Church

### Anthem

“Sing Alleluia Forth” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 . . . . . Old Testament, page 157

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### Second Lesson

Matthew 19:13–15. . . . . New Testament, page 20

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

It’s Not Confirmation (Why We Do Youth Ministry). . . . . John W. Vest

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 691 . . . . . “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

*The 11:00 service continues on the facing page;  
the 9:30 service continues at the top of page 6.*

## THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

### Opening Words and Presentation of Participants

#### Profession of Faith

##### \*Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Rite of Confirmation

##### Unison Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them.

##### The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Welcome of the Confirmation Class

*The 11:00 service continues with the Offering at the middle of page 6.*

\*Affirmation of Faith (9:30) . . . . . Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People (9:30)

The Lord's Prayer (9:30)

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Prayer Response (9:30)

"Amen" . . . . . John Stainer

*The 11:00 service resumes here from page 5.*

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" . . . . . Ernest Bullock

\*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,  
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:  
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you,  
bringing the offering of our very selves.  
You claim our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin  
and be raised with Christ in new life.  
By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness  
that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.  
Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ,  
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 69 . . . . . "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! . . . . . Healey Willan

Confirmation Participants

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alexander James Andresen     | Maura Quinn Haas                 |
| George Hayes Andrews         | Hannah Lee Kershner              |
| Matthew McFarland Bay        | Audra Louise Kimbell             |
| Ethan Kristan Belnap         | Jared Emerson Trewartha Kinney   |
| Marleigh Owen Belsley        | Alessandra Louise Betty Latherow |
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| Bryn Claire Buikema          | John Francis Owen McDermott      |
| Katherine Priesing Culver    | Hayden John Morgan               |
| Thomas Lloyd Douglas         | Hendrik David Ottens             |
| Hayden Wesley Ekern          | Owen Spencer Patterson           |
| Julia Livingston Fairbank    | Mia Elisabeth Pearsall           |
| Catherine Spencer Fifield    | Campbell Young Phalen            |
| Jonathan Ryan Fifield        | Audrey Marie Ruhana              |
| Margaret Glenwood Fleming    | Isabella Kathryn Saracco         |
| Christopher Nicholas Freeman | Zachary Lisle Sessions           |
| Mallory Joyce Garfield       | William Mitchell Walker          |
| Emalyn Cameron Gray          | Maximilien Andrew Wilkey         |
| William Andrew Guggeis       | Samantha Jacqueline Williams     |
| MacKenzie Grace Guynn        | Michael Alexander Youngblood     |

Confirmation Leaders

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| Annette Bacon | Kathi Rodak                                    |
| Luke Beasley  | Mark Schimmelpfennig                           |
| Regan Burke   | Carrie Stern                                   |
| Andrea Page   | John Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry |

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Judith L. Watt, Anneliese Garner, Hardy H. Kim, John W. Vest

11:00 Judith L. Watt, Anneliese Garner, Shannon J. Kershner, John W. Vest

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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THE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN WITNESSES TO THE TRUTH that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY AT 9:30:

Kathryn Faulkner Kirtley, child of Chris and Katie Kirtley

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY AT 11:00:

Ava Francesca Corsello, child of Kevin and Beth Corsello

Emily Reede Sokolowski, child of Mark and Mari Sokolowski

Mack Wayne Gordon, child of Andrew and Stacy Gordon

Nathan Edward Johnston, child of Kenneth and Jennifer Johnston

Clara Louise Maas, child of David and Elizabeth Maas

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