

David's UCC on May 23, 2021

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – *Tim Williams and Lyn Morton*

(the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"O Spirit of Life" Tune: O Heiliger Geist, David Cherwien

"Spirit, Breathe on Me" arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

"Hallelujah, Leonard Cohen, arr. by Joel Raney

– David's Handbell Choir

Welcome – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Introduction of Confirmands –

Sawyer Monk, Emsley Nye, Cooper Schairbaum, Cate Shannon

Introduction of Those Being Confirmed –

David Blumberg, Lu Harmer, Annie Mhaskar

Call to Worship – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

One: We come this morning to worship together;

Many: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet we are all children of the same Parent,

Many: Created lovingly by the Source of all life.

All: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet we all have one Teacher,

Many: Jesus, who is so close to God that he is said to be the living word that God spoke.

All: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: As we gather to worship and welcome these confirmands into the life of David's Church, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ, which is at work in us.

Invocation – The UCC Statement of Faith

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Litany for Confirmation –

One: The journey of faith is a journey through life.

Many: We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.

One: We sojourn on the pathway of the saints.

Many: We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

One: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way the road seems different.

Many: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes of a history yet to be made.

One: We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Many: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way.

One: It is a quest they must follow by themselves.

Many: We can tell them of our questions and offer to walk beside them, but the answers must come from within their own hearts.

One: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

All: *Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship God together.*

Hymn – "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

(Tim and Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.**
- 2. When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong. Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**
- 3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**
- 4. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Scripture –

First – Acts 2: 1 – 21

Epistle – Romans 8: 22 – 27

Gospel – John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 7 – 15

Sermon – “Spirited Life in the Hope of Wholeness”

Special Music –

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” K. Lee Scott

Special Blessing – *Cate Shannon*

Order of Confirmation – Affirmation of Baptism

Invitation

Questions

Prayer of Confirmands – O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Confirmands – **Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Act of Confirmation – Prayer and Special Blessing with Laying on of Hands

Question About Participation –

Congregational Response – **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as members of the household of God. Through the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Communion Hymn – “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- 2. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Invitation to the Sacrament of our Lord’s Table –

Prayers of God’s People, Communion and Lord’s Prayer –

Sharing the bread and the cup –

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Ode to Joy” Beethoven, arr. David Angerman
– David’s Handbell Choir

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