



Confirmation Sunday

Greetings

Welcome to the community in Christ at Zion United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our hand in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way.

May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

*Amplified hearing devices are available through our ushers.

July 19, 2020

Confirmation Sunday

9:30 am

*** Please stand as you are able**

Bells Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude "Face to Face"

We Gather Around God's Word

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

Many: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Many: Surely God is in our hearts!

One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Many: Surely God is all around us!

One: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

Many: Surely God is in all who gather here this day!

One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Many: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

***We Are United in Prayer** (in unison)

Holy and Merciful God, you know us already. Help us to know you better. Let us see you in the beauty of creation that lies all around us. Fill our worship with your Spirit so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Musical Interlude "Dix" Conrad Kocher #28

***The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community**

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers.

We Engage God's Word

Scripture Readings

Galatians 3:26-29

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Sermon "Be One In Christ!"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Declaration

Pastor: What we have received comes from seed sown in us by Jesus Christ and we have received the blessings of seeds and now have the need to be transplanted in to Jesus. We thank you for returning to God the first fruits of God's blessings that you have received.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give thanks for what we have been given: our treasure, our time, and our lives. Just as a plant needs to be transplanted, may we be transformed from our old pots into new pots so that we may grow in beauty and love from You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Order for Confirmation

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Confirmands Prayer

The Congregation Prayer for The Confirmands

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, promised them eternal life, and 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 of Confirmation

The Confirmation Proclamation

***Blessing of the Congregation** (in unison)

please raise your hand in blessing

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By 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. May God bless you now and always. Amen.

Welcome and Gifts

* The book *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young given
by Pastor Steve

* The Communion Cup given by the members of
Zion United Church of Christ

* Confirmation stole given by the Evening Circle.

Confirmation Class of 2020 Video prepared by Kelly Nabb

The Celebration of Communion

Musical Interlude "One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley

***Communion Prayer**

"Together We Are Blessed by Being Here"

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing of God's Gifts

We will take the bread first as one community of Christ,
then we will take the wine in the same manner.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (In Unison)

Bountiful God, we rejoice around this table as one community in Christ. Unite us with love for ourselves and each other so that our lives will be as sweet music to your ears. Remind us to be gentle in heart and mind so that we may spread the Good News of Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

Musical Interlude "St. Brendan's" by Peter Scholtes

***The Lord's Prayer** (using "debts" and "debtors")

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude "Sing Aloud to God Our Strength"

Serving Today

Liturgist: Kelly Nabb Organist: Sue Monson

Ushers: Church Council

Video: David Niermeyer

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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***Congratulations to Zion's
Confirmation Class of 2020***

**Johny Amina Drew Behrens
Carter Horman Jaydon Nabb
Sophie Poppe**

*The flowers on the alter are given by the parents
of our Confirmands in honor of their
Confirmation in Faith.*

ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch
Pastor Scott	Luann Gottschalk
Bruce Hoffmeier	Marlene Wiedenhoff
Rose Horman	Gladys Conrad
Daniel Johnson	Roger Huffman
Viola Thomas	Chad Minor & fmyl
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Kylee Schmalfeldt	Donna Breneman
Florence Deerberg	Helen Gottschalk
Berniece Minor	Connie
Pearl Huffman	Marcus Barnes
Rick & Mary Balke	Evelyn Unteidt
Elda Doermann	Nancy Loeffelhol
Mark Winder	Briana Terlisner
Marilyn Klahn	Rhonda Scholenfelder
Al & Linda Behrens	

p.s. Dear God, pull us together in Jesus Christ!

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.