

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

WEAR SOME RED!

Sunday, July 19, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Announcements

PRAISE

Call to Worship

The early Christians found enough strength, discipline, and community to keep the faith alive. Day by day their efforts made a difference.

As we gather, let us acknowledge our shared community of faith as we worship God.

Let us join in prayer:

We worship together, O God, because we are a community of faith. You, O God, have called us to endure by practicing honesty around dishonest people, speaking kind words where hostile words abound, and living with integrity at all cost. Be the guardian of our promises as the family of God as we study, share, pray, and eat the common meal together. In Christ's name. Amen.

Solo

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmand: Riley DeForest

Mentor: Sally Ruef

Confirmand: Mia Pedersen

Mentor: Millie Ramsey

Congregational Prayer for the Confirmands

Eternal God, source of life, we gather this morning to share in the confirmation of these young people into your church universal. Remind us of our responsibility to express our love and acceptance to

them, for it is through our love and commitment that they will grow stronger in their belief of the good news of Jesus Christ; that you love them and they belong to you. May today be the first of many days in which they struggle to understand your will and work for your purpose. Redirect each of our lives to better appreciate your gift of eternal life and to better meet your challenge to share love. Give wisdom and faith that we may know the great hope to which we are called. Amen.

(Liturgy continues)

Congregation: **We do. 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.**

Let us join together in the Apostle's 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 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.

Solo

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Liturgist: Mia Pedersen

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together

and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-3

Liturgist: Riley DeForest

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Morning Message *Hospitality* Rev. Dr. McCarthy

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Liturgists: Riley & Mia

Morning Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Solo

Benediction

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

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