

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

May 22, 2011 6:30 PM

*Please Stand As Able

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church!!

We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

*We have come to celebrate the confirmation class
confessing their faith in Jesus Christ!*

**We have come to celebrate the confirmation class
becoming new members of our church!**

We are part of this living community called the church.

It is here that we are loved, comforted, challenged, and nurtured.

* SINGING TOGETHER

“We Are the Church” #558 (Red Hymnal)
(Verses 1-2-4-5)

* OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Loving and gracious God, we await the touch of Your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that You enter the lives of each one of us this evening, refreshing, renewing and healing us with the power of Your loving Spirit – that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, our Savior, Lord, and very best Friend. Amen.

OPENING STATEMENT (Pastor)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

I present the Confirmation Class for confirmation:

*Chelsea Hauser
Noah Maurmeier
Libbie Mazzi
Ben McGinnis
David Meiners*

*Zach Nose
Olivia Wessel
Brent Wittich
Morgan Woodward*

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the Confirmation Class:

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 sponsors of the confirmands:

Will you who sponsor these confirmands support and encourage them in their Christian life? **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 confirmands 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 confirmands 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.

SINGING TOGETHER

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”
#2223 (Black Hymnal) (Verses 1 & 2)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

The Confirmation Class will now share their faith through sharing the Apostles’ Creed:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SINGING TOGETHER

“Thy Word Is a Lamp” #601 (Red Hymnal))

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

As the pastor, assistant to the pastor, parents, and sponsors place their hands on the head of each youth being confirmed, the pastor says to each:

Name, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As *members* of Christ’s universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

**RECEPTION INTO
THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**

As *members* of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

(Pastor) Members of the household of God, I commend these confirmands 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, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

(Pastor) 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.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Pastor Craig Jones

**J - JESUS
O - OTHERS
Y - YOU**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done Your will,

we have broken Your law,

we have rebelled against Your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you

are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

GLORY TO GOD. AMEN.

BREAKING THE BREAD & LIFTING THE CUP

(Pastor) Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(We will be communing by intinction. You will be handed a piece of bread. Dip it into the cup and partake.)

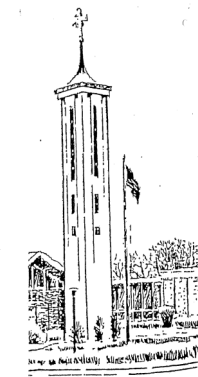
*** SINGING TOGETHER**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #2088 (Black Hymnal))

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Immediately following the Service you are invited to a Celebration/Reception with our Confirmands in the Fellowship Hall.



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**MISSION STATEMENT:
"THE MISSION OF CUMC IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST."**



Confirmation

Congratulations 2010-11
Confirmands

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Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9