

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18, 2020

In accordance with our COVID safety procedures please keep your mask on at all times. Please remain 6 feet apart from other families as you enter and exit the sanctuary. During musical selections you are invited to hum along with your mask on. Our service is expected to last one hour. If you need to use a restroom during this time, please exit the cloister door and use a bathroom located near the church offices. Thank you for following these important safety measures.

PRELUDE

“Veni Creator” (“Come, Holy Spirit”)
David Carrier, organ

Maurice Durufle

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

OPENING HYMN NO. 350 “Now in the Days of Youth”

Alex Hoskyns, Vocals
David Carrier, Organ

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when
 3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with
 4 Teach-er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
 joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;
 with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In
 To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to
 All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.
 let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.
 help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, you call us into newness of life, into new patterns that break cycles of violence and hurt.

All: But we confess, O God, that we do not give ourselves over to the transforming power of your Spirit. You offer us the Spirit of Peace, but we revert to division and discord. You offer us the Spirit of Generosity, but we live in fear of scarcity. You offer us the Spirit of Gratitude and Joy, but we take your gifts for granted, and give ourselves over to bitterness and resentment. Forgive us God. Open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. Breathe new life into us as we pray to you in silence...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, this is the Good News: God loves us with an everlasting love. In Christ, God is forgiving and remaking the world. Through the Holy Spirit, God is everywhere and always present, the giver and renewer of life.

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of new life! Thanks be to God for the grace, hope and love found here and throughout creation! Alleluia and Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you, All: and also with you.

Please share a greeting of peace with your family members.

RESPONSE IN SONG "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION INTRODUCTION

Bob Feeny

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-6 Pam Emslie

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS "Christian Community"

Confirmands: Hunter Nichols, Campbell Bates, Xavier Ferrara, Abbie Reohr, Connor Bruce, Chase McDivitt, Tom Burton, Alden Turner, Dylan McKeever, Vincent Ferrara

RESPONSE IN SONG "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SCRIPTURE John 15:15-17 Pam Emslie

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS "Following Jesus"

Confirmands: Sarah Cochi, Lily DeKing, Cameron Strouse, Katie Green,
Georgia Spangler, Cole Wieland, Georgia Webster

HYMN No. 354

"God, When I Came into This Life"



1 God, when I came in - to this life, you
2 You give me free - dom to be - lieve; to -
3 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
5 So help me in my un - be - lief and
called me by my name; To - day I come, com -
day I make my choice, And to the wor - ship
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
let my life be true: Feet firm - ly plant - ed
mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
of the church I add my learn - ing voice.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Pam & Dave Emslie

Invitation

Congregational Promises (Confirmands stand)

Leader: Church, among you stand God's people, God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you welcome these ones with open hearts? Will you confirm the promises made at the time each one was Baptized, to teach them by word and example, to guide them in the ways of prayer and service, and to offer them the love and support of the Christian Church.

Congregation: We will, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you receive the new challenges and questions, insights and gifts that these Confirmands bring? Will you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with them in the Christian faith, that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

Congregation: We will, with the help of God.

Confirmands Acceptance of Promises (Families stand with Confirmands)

Leader: Confirmands, surrounding you are God's people, a community that is God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you receive these promises that were made at the time of your baptism and confirmed here again today? And will you accept the love and support, guidance and fellowship offered to you within this community as you continue on your journey of faith?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

Confirmands Acceptance of Gifts

Leader: Confirmands, through the guidance given you by your family and this community, and having explored your faith throughout the past year, do you gratefully affirm the unique gifts you have received by the grace of God, and promise that you will strive to be the person that God has created you to be?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

Leader: And will you promise to humbly share your gifts with this community, in all the places of your life, and in all faith communities of which you will be a part, that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

*** The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Consecration**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Come Creator, Holy Spirit"

J.S. Bach

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2020 Confirmands

Campbell Bates, Connor Bruce, Thomas Burton, Sarah Cochi, Lillian DeKing,
Vincent Ferrara, Xavier Ferrara, Katherine Green, Chase McDivitt,
Dylan McKeever, Hunter Nichols, Abigail Reohr, Georgia Spangler,
Cameron Strouse, Alden Turner, Georgia Webster, Cole Wieland

Thank you, Advisors, for the love and dedication you have gifted each Confirmand this year. Your light shines bright!

Thank you, Confirmation Parents, for your dedication to your child's faith journey at Village Church. It is an honor and privilege to walk this journey with you.

Thank you, people of Village Church, for your love and support of our Confirmands. Your faithful witness, lived out in this community, brings to life our Confirmation Program. It truly takes a Village!

And, thank you, Confirmands, for showing up! Thank you for opening your hearts and spirits to each other, to God, and to God's good and Holy Spirit.

With gratitude and love,

Rev. Pam Emslie

Associate Pastor,

Youth Program Director and Co-Director of Family Life @ Village Church

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