



Washington Street United Methodist Church

4:00 pm ~ Outdoor Service ~ A Service of Joy

October 18, 2020

Confirmation Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Please be sure to “register” your family at the Registration Table. Bulletins are available on the Registration Table. Before the service, during the singing of hymns and the solo, you are invited to approach one of the crosses and tie a ribbon to the cross. Each color symbolizes a different prayer. These crosses will be in the hallway of the church throughout the week and will return for each outdoor worship experience.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 2164

Sanctuary

SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. *(repeat)*

Susan Caskey, song leader; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

Words and Music by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we gather with joy to praise your name. We come to be part of your new community of love that binds us to you and to one another. We celebrate your presence with us and pray that our worship will be acceptable to you and that our lives will be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit at work in us and in the world. We pray these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 2056

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God’s so good to me.
2. God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God’s so good to me.
3. God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so, God’s so good to me.
4. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God’s so good to me.

Words and Music: Traditional

THE LESSON

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

HOMILY

“You Received the Word with Joy”

Rev. Parrish

SOLO

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Harvey Jessup, baritone; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present *Hayden Elise Rowe* for baptism.

I present *Lillian Cate Buchanan, Harmon Elise Geddes, Leila Rose Jackson, and Layne Blilie Powers* for confirmation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Series of Questions are directed to those presented followed by this question to the church;

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 persons* now 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 persons* 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.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Following the question directed to those presented, the congregation is asked:

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

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend *these persons* 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, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.

HYMN 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

Words: Dan Shutte, 1981; Music: Dan Shutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God who has chosen you, the gospel has come to you not only in word, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit with full conviction! Go out now in joy. Be an example to all, empowered to love the unlovable and forgive the unforgivable in the grace-filled name of Jesus Christ.

Go with joy in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *

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We welcome all of you to this time of worship. In these strange times we are sharing God’s word and witness in new ways. We welcome old friends and new in the name of Jesus Christ. Please join us again here in this space on November 1 and November 15.

Bins have been set up inside the church hallway for church members to drop off gifts and cards for this year’s confirmands, Lily Cate Buchanan, Harmon Geddes, Leila Jackson, Layne Powers, and Hayden Rowe. Thank you to the Open Door Class for sponsoring this recognition.

“Blessed are those who die in the Lord...”

<p><u>IN MEMORIAM</u></p> <p><i>Edith Long Schisler, (Missionary to Brazil)</i> September 29, 2020</p>	<p><u>IN MEMORIAM</u></p> <p><i>Linda S. Bowers</i> October 13, 2020</p>
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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Susanna Melo (Dr. Keith Kenney) and family in the passing of her mother, Edith Long Schisler, missionary to Brazil, and to family and friends of Linda S. Bowers in her passing.

PRAYER LIST

Betty Bowers	Nancy Epting	Bud Harrelson	Carol Krebs	Rick Rowe
Martha Brooker	Linda Fersperman	Karen Horne	Beverly McClanahan	Nan Self
Malissa Burnette	Don Fowler	Geneva Hutchinson	Jan Merchant	Our homebound
Jimmy Dawkins	Charles Garren	Rev. Judy King	Angela Powers	
Mickey Epting	Dottie Hanlin			

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