

Confirmation Sunday

April 11, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" arr. by Diane Bish

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

P: Death has no power over us.

Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.

L: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

P: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.

L: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

A: We rejoice in God's amazing good news.
In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.

**Opening Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH#304

**The Apostles Creed UMH#881

Opening Prayer (unison)

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.

Confirmation

Moira Ackenhausen, Ciara Horney, Grace Smith, Molly Mossing

Congregational Response (unison)

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.

Prayer Hymn "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH#601

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music "The Gift of Love" arr. by Marilyn Ham
Carol Stewart, piano solo

Scripture Lesson 2 Peter 1: 1-11

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Kingdom Confirmation" Rev. Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "He Lives" UMH#310

**Sending Forth

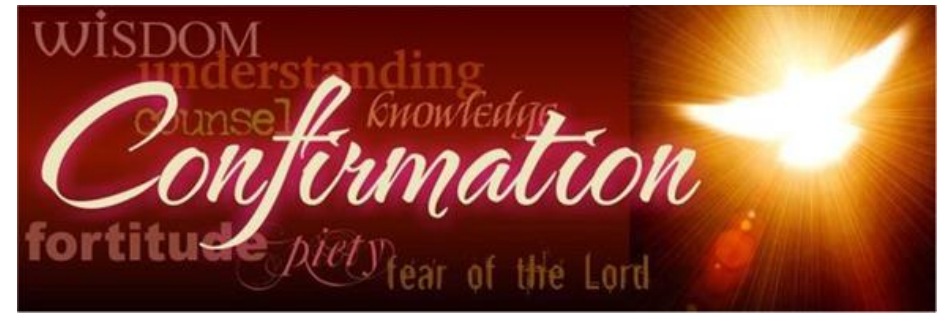
**Postlude "Find Us Faithful" Jon Mohr



*Altar Flowers are given in remembrance of
our kind and loving friend Jim Kennedy.*



Monday 12	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 13	Girl Scouts Leaders Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Rm 15 A FCC
Wednesday 14	DEADLINE FOR 4/18/21 BULLETIN Worship Design Team Praise Band Practice	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Library FCC
Thursday 15	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC
Friday 16			
Saturday 17			
Sunday 18	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A



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Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle, 4 week study of "Easter Realities."
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."
Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Feeling Secure in a Troubled World" by Charles Stanley.
Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossier.
Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.
Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossier, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

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Worship Team

Ushers	Bill Vahle, Chad Mossier Gerald Mahan, Rick Smith
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Acolytes	Will Mossier and Catherine Mossier
Organist	Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – 2 Peter 1: 1-11

Salutation

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of
God and of Jesus our Lord.

The Christian's Call and Election

³ His divine power has given us everything needed for life and
godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own
glory and goodness. ⁴ Thus he has given us, through these things, his
precious and very great promises, so that through them you may
escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and
may become participants of the divine nature. ⁵ For this very reason,
you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and
goodness with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and
self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷ and
godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. ⁸ For
if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep
you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For anyone who lacks these things is short-
sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past
sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to
confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never
stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Next Sermon – Sunday, April 18

"How Great a Debtor"
Gospel Lesson

Rod Leupp
Romans 8: 31-39

Announcements

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