



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Confirmation Sunday



Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Ella Walker and Grace Abbott

One: Through every age and in every place, Jesus calls disciples with a simple invitation, words of challenge: "Come, follow me."

All: And where is it that we go with Jesus?

One: Jesus leads us among enemies and strangers, asking us to see all persons as potential friends.

All: Jesus leads us into uncomfortable places and asks us to stand up and speak for the oppressed and outcast.

One: Jesus leads us to leave behind the ways of the world and asks us to see with new eyes the vision of heaven on earth.

All: Today, we gather to praise the name of Jesus, the one who leads. Grant us the wisdom and courage to follow.

Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

The Faith We Sing #2129
led by Tapestry

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,

The world behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
No turning back, no turning back.

Morning Prayer
Concerns and Celebrations

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

Jesus' Prayer - from *The Message*

Our Father in Heaven, reveal who you are. Set the world right; do what's best – as above, so below. Keep us alive with nutritious food for each day. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. You're in charge! You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes! Amen!

Confirmation Pastor Jeanine Alexander, Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Jojo Coffin- Langdon

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and we welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. We promise to uphold you by our prayers and our presence. Together we will share our gifts and serve each other and the world. May God be glorified in the way we live and worship.

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Craig Courtney
Andrea Flinner, vocalist; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Scripture Reading Abbi Adamec, Niklas Jeannette, Kiana Langdon-Larson, Sofia Orman
Philippians 4:4-9

Reader One: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Reader Two: Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader Three: Finally, friends, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Reader Four: ¹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon *Lift Your Spirit: How to Handle Challenging Times #1* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is our God* UM Hymnal #110, v. 1, 3, 4
led by Adair Ballavance, Carol Donahue, Nancy Eaton and Michael Goodlet

1. *A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

3. *And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,*

*we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.*

4. *That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

MaryAnne Korsch, piano; Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Mary McDonald

Slideshow of our Confirmation Class of 2021



Announcements

Congratulations

to the following students, who confirmed their faith and have joined FUMC as full members:

Grace Adele Abbott *

Abbi Jo Adamec

McKenzie Mae Ball

Izy Renz Fairchild

Niklas Joseph Jeannette

Olive Louise Jeannette

Kiana Alice Langdon-Larson *

Sofia Jean Orman

Bella Maxine Serck

Ella Katheryn Walker *

* will be confirmed at a later date

Roadside Cleanup is Saturday, May 15. This is a chance for you to put your commitment to the earth into action! Meet at the corner of Midway and Maple Grove Roads at noon. For more information, contact Bill Alexander at bill@strikepoint.com.

Next Sunday, Pastor Jeanine will be preaching about how to deal with your mistakes.

Up to 50 people may now worship in person in our Sanctuary. Through May 23, the service will not be live, but the pre-recorded video will be projected on the wall. **You must sign up in advance!** Call the church office at 218-727-5021 before 10 am on Friday or [sign up online](#).

Trees for Kids. Katie Strand, daughter of Kay and Rollie Strand, created an educational video for the non-profit company Neighborhood Forest*. They give kids their very own FREE TREE through schools, libraries and youth groups. This year, thanks to some rockstar librarians, Neighborhood Forest went viral! They went from giving an average of 5000 trees (2010-2020), to 18,500! Projections for 2022 are 40,000 or more free trees for kids! Donations can be made via GoFundMe and trees can be ordered (for kids) for 2022 at the Neighborhood Forest website NeighborhoodForest.org. Please thoughtfully consider making a contribution to this very worthy endeavor and share it with your community and network. It's good for the child and good for the planet! <http://gofundme.com/f/neighborhood-forest>



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