

Pentecost/Graduation/Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Wesley Ringers

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

People: God's Spirit sends us to share Christ's love!

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All: Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Siblings in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after the first Pentecost.
The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace,
forgiveness and service.
In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

All: We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Congregational Response:

**We commit to remembering these graduates in our prayers.
We promise to reach out, to check in, and to stay connected.
As their church family, we will be here—
ready to listen, encourage, and welcome them home.**

Anthem

**Down to the River to Pray/
Lord Listen to Your Children Praying**
Youth Choir and Alumni

Traditional Spiritual
Ken Medema
arr. Mary McDonald

Children's Message

Scripture

Acts 2:1-6

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Language of God

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction to the Service

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Siblings 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 our 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 Candidates

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses the Confirmand:

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 a faithful member of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

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 who are 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 pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins the candidates and their parents and sponsors in responding:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and she who receives it,
to wash away her sin
and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
she may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

Baptism With Laying On of Hands

_____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters in Christ.

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

Confirmation

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

_____, 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 Local Congregation

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

The pastor addresses the congregation:

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.

Anthem

Psalm 121
Youth Choir and Alumni

Randy Vader/Jay Rouse

Prayer of the People

Fran Underwood

Offering

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You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

You Are Good

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Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Graduating Senior Slideshow

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