

# CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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### CONFIRMATION

**+denotes congregation please stand if able**

**Congregation please respond with the bolded lines**

#### PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Thomas à Kempis

*Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing, to love what is worth loving, to praise what delights you most, to value what is precious in your sight. Do not let me judge by what I see, nor pass sentence according to what I hear, but to search out and do what pleases you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### WELCOME AND BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**+OPENING HYMN # 545 (v. 1-2, 4) “The Church’s One Foundation”**

United Methodist Hymnal

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

#### **+OPENING PRAYER**

**God of ancient promises and new beginnings, we come with songs of joy and love for this wonderful day. We come to you because you have called us. You have shaped us, held us, loved us, and brought us to this moment. Search our hearts and lead us on the ways you would have us go, that we may make your love known to our families, our friends, and to your children everywhere. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**God of light and life, open our eyes and our hearts. Open our ears and our minds. Open our lives to your ways that we may follow in your footsteps sharing your love and light in the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
*The Call of Jeremiah*

New Revised Standard Version

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

MESSAGE & FAITH STATEMENTS

The Confirmation Class & Pastor Roy and Pastor Melanie

PRAYER HYMN # 2130 (v. 1-2)

*"The Summons"*

The Faith We Sing

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

MESSAGE & FAITH STATEMENTS

The Confirmation Class & Pastor David

PRAYER HYMN # 2130 (v. 3-5)

*"The Summons"*

The Faith We Sing

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION - CONFIRMATION LITURGY

*Please respond as indicated in **bold***

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters 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. This is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation 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 THE CONFIRMANDS AND NEW MEMBERS:

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ. Candidates for confirmation profess for themselves the solemn vows that were made at their baptism.

*[To the Candidates]*

As those who come to join this part of Christ's family, I ask you on behalf of the whole church: 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 put your trust in Christ, pledge to follow where he leads, 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 faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

*[To the Congregation]*

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? **We will.**

With God's help will you proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ? **We will.**

Will you 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.**

Will you pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life? **We will.**

*[To Candidates and Congregation]*

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 Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **I believe.**

Do you 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? **I believe.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe.**

Do you believe in the holy catholic (universal) church? **I believe.**

Do you believe in the communion of saints? **I believe.**

Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins? **I believe.**

Do you believe in the resurrection of the body? **I believe.**

Do you believe in and the life everlasting? **I believe.**

Amen.

*[To the Mentors]*

Will you who sponsor these candidates continue to support and encourage them in their Christian life? **I will.**

*[To all the Candidates]*

As members of the United Methodist Church and 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.**

*[To the Confirmands]*

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.

## WELCOMING BY THE CONGREGATION

*[To 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.

*The Congregation*

**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. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

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 as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #593

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

United Methodist Hymnal

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest 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?

*Chorus:* 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.

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? *(Chorus)*

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? *(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION

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***Please join us in Wesley Hall to meet our Confirmands and celebrate together***