

Rite of Confirmation

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Questions and Promises of the Candidates

To all of you standing before this congregation today, do you desire to affirm your baptism and be confirmed into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

* Question to the Congregation (responsive)

One: The integrity of your lives, the joy and honesty you live out, and the depth of your commitment to Christ will influence these young adults. Do you promise to help them and be helped by them?

All: I do. Today I reconfirm my own baptism. Gladly I stand with these Confirmation youths and offer myself to be open to the Spirit!

One: Together, may we express God's love to these Confirmands saying...

All: May the peace of Christ be yours today and always. Amen.

* Owning the Covenant of Our Church (unison)

Believing in Jesus Christ, the interpreter of God to humankind, we accept his teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join and covenant, one with another, to worship, work and serve together, that we may express through our church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.

The Act of Confirmation

- * **The Sending Forth by the Congregation:** Rev. Throckmorton
One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us. As your church family we remind you that...
**All: God has anointed you to bear good news to the afflicted, to bind
up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives, to open the
prisons of those who are bound.**
- One: Together, may we express God's love to these Confirmands saying...
All: May the peace of Christ be yours today and always. Amen.
- * **Song** *Go Make a Difference* (Steve Angrisano)
- * **Benediction**

~Departing To Serve~

Our 2019 Federated Church Confirmation Class
***Isabella Atkinson, Lance Buescher, Will Dietz, Colin Mast, LE Healy,
Max Mignogna, Susannah Rutkowski, and Gavin Scocos***

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ
and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared
through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.