



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

May 20, 2018	Confirmation	10 am
Prelude	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i> (J.W. Kerr)	Marcia Snavely, organ
Welcome, Announcements and Fellowship of Prayer		Rev. Mark Simone
Introit	<i>Elijah Rock</i> (arr. M. Hogan)	Federated Choir
* Call to Worship		Tony Kotnik
One:	God of all people, we gather as a diverse community, who long for your vision.	
All:	We, the young and old and in-between, seek to make your dream for this world a reality.	
One:	God of all time, we embrace the history of this church, and look with hope to its future.	
All:	We are grateful to those who have made us who we are, and those who will lead us into who we will become.	
One:	On this celebration of confirmation, we rejoice in who we are,	
All:	and renew our commitment to let you love us into all you have created us to be.	
One:	In a spirit of gratitude, let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.	
* Passing the Peace		
* Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	No. 4
Scripture Lesson	Psalms 148	LE Healy
Reflection		Isabella Atkinson
Reflection		Colin Mast
* Hymn	<i>Spirit</i> (vs.1, 4)	No. 249

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Offering Our Lives and Resources

Offertory Anthem *Bound for Greater Things* (K. Medema) Federated Choir

- * Hymn of Dedication *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 50
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* 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

Scripture Lesson Revelation 21:1-6 Lance Buescher

Reflection *Our Incarnation* Rev. Mark Simone

Our Year Together Bob Abley

Rite of Confirmation Rev. Simone, Bob Abley, Tony Kotnik,
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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.

* **Closing Hymn**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

No. 592

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Earth and All Stars (W. Wold)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing To Serve ~

**Please join us after the service in Fellowship Hall as we all welcome our new members!
There is cake to help celebrate!**

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.