



Service of the Word with Rite of Confirmation
Band-Led Worship

October 25, 2025

11:00 AM

Leading Worship Today

Preacher

Pastor Julie Wright

Liturgists

Pastor Lindsey Bina

Pastor Rob Carlson

Pastor Peter Harrits

CYF Staff

Kelsey Young, Marissa Bachtel,

Rose Bentley, Christa De Vries,

Andrew Kane, Ty Seline, Katie Strand

Musicians

Jeremy Holweger, acoustic guitar and vocals

Libby Ellis, piano and vocals

Juliet Catherine, electric guitar and vocals

Mark Kirchhoff, electric guitar

David Priebe, bass

Brianna Trembl, drums

Lectors

Call to Worship: Priyanka Isaacs

First Reading: Livia Rosonke

Second Reading: Jaden Slominski

Gospel: Cate Brekken

Rite of Confirmation: Affirmation of Baptism

Although a person is baptized once in a lifetime, the gifts of holy baptism are continually renewed in the lives of God's people. In addition to a daily return to baptism in remembrance and thanksgiving, Affirmation of Baptism is a rite to mark a young person's readiness to claim the promises of Holy Baptism first made on their behalf by parents. These young persons have participated in a period of nurture in the church—and now promise to respond to Christ's saving love with lives of faithfulness and service.

Affirmation of Baptism includes a public profession of faith, as the young people echo the words of renunciation of evil and confession of faith that were first spoken at their baptism. Through questions and responses that further unfold the meaning of baptism, those affirming baptism commit themselves to continuing in the covenant of baptism with God's help.

We pray for the blessing of God upon those who are affirming their baptism, with the laying on of hands, echoing the prayer for the Holy Spirit at baptism and asking for a strengthening of the spiritual gifts bestowed in baptism.

GATHERING

Prelude

"Build Your Kingdom Here" — Rend Collective

Word of Welcome

Processional Hymn

The assembly stands.

"Gather Us In" ELW #532



1. Here in this place _____ new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
light years a - way here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
now is the king - dom, and now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in, and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
fire _____ of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Song of Praise

“This Is Amazing Grace”—Phil Wickham

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, in the waters of baptism you claim us as your own. Nothing can separate us from you. Be with us as we step out in faith and continue our journey with you—learning to love our neighbors as deeply as you love us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:15-17

A reading from the book of Romans.

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel

Luke 6:27b-32, 35-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

The assembly stands.

Hymn

“Take My Life (And Let It Be)” — Chris Tomlin (verses 1-3)

During the hymn, those affirming their faith and baptism gather in the front.

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King,
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Filled with messages from Thee.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
If so, answer "We do."

We do.

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, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmands, you have made public profession of your faith. I now ask you:

Do you intend to live into the promises God placed upon you in holy baptism?

Do you intend to live among God's faithful people by gathering in worship
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

Do you intend to share the love of Christ in word and deed,

By serving others, following the example of Jesus, and seeking
justice and peace in all the earth?

Each confirmand responds individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, will you continue to support these young people in their faith, encourage their life in the church, and pray for them as they live a life of service to others? If so, answer "We will."

We will.

Hymn

Confirmands return to their seats during the hymn.

"Take My Life (And Let It Be)" — Chris Tomlin (verses 4 & 5)

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I with--hold,
Take my intellect and use,
Every power as You choose
Every power as You choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

*As individual names are called, the confirmand and family members come forward;
ministers and others lay hands on the head of the person and pray the blessing below.*

*You are encouraged, whether you come forward or not,
to pray aloud with the pastors for the confirmands you know.
Follow this prayer using the appropriate gender pronoun:*

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm *her/his/their* faith, guide *her/his/their* life,
empower *her/him/them* in *her/his/their* serving,
give *her/him/them* patience in suffering,
and bring *her/him/them* to everlasting life.
Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Together let us celebrate God's good work in these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice that you are marked with God's love.

And we give thanks for the Holy Spirit's presence within you.

Together let us proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Offering

The Kingdom Of The Lord Is Here — Brian Schroeder

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

There are alternate ways you can give:

◇ *Online: www.sotv.org/give*

◇ *Text: "SOTV" to 73256*

◇ *Kiosk: Place cash or envelope in the black kiosk located in the narthex.*

The assembly stands.

Offering Prayer

Gracious Lord, we have known abundant blessings and with joyful hearts we share what was first given to us. Now stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit within these young people and in each one of us: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; we ask in the name Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

"Awesome Is the Lord Most High!"—Chris Tomlin

1. Great are You, Lord, might - y in strength.
2. Where You send us, God, we will go.

You are faith - ful, and You will ev - er be.
You're the an - swer we want the world to know.

We will praise You all of our days;
We will trust You when You call our name;

it's for Your glo - ry, we of - fer ev - 'ry - thing.
where You lead us, we'll fol - low all the way.

Raise your hands all you na - tions, shout to God all cre - a - tion;
how awe - some is the Lord most high,

We will praise You to - geth - er, for now and for - ev - er,
How awe - some is the Lord most high.

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

2025 Confirmands

Mia Anderson
Brynn Bartosh
Lauren Baumgard
Cate Brekken
Margo Bremer
Laila Cherny
Meghan Chopskie
Jack Denny
Aiden Dietel
Emmett Dunn
Libby Ellis
Emma Frome
Tessa Goodman
Cooper Graves
Samantha Graves
Mollie Groebner
Alexa Hanson
Priyanka Isaacs
Sophia Kalin
Ella King
Carl Kjeldsen-Bergquist

Luke Knutson
Coryn Kurth
Clark Ladd
Connor Larson
Emersen Lee
Evie Lee
Macey Macal
Sarah McDaniel
Bennett Meulemans
Nicholas Miziorko
Mahryn Morgando
McKenna Moynihan
Trevor O'Loughlin
Kira Penn
Bella Puccinelli
Elsie Purrington
John Raymond
Grady Rick
Allison Rogne
Julia Rogne
Nolan Rohne

Gage Romereim
Livia Rosonke
Emma Scott
Carli Simpson
Jaden Slominski
Kayla Udell
Will Van Dyke
Ellen Witter
Eli Zimmermann

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The white robes worn by confirmation class members represent their baptized life as cleansed, forgiven, and made new in Christ.



A wooden cross is given to each confirmand during the service. Made by volunteers from Shepherd of the Valley, the simple cross of red oak is meant to be a continuing reminder of God's promises of love and salvation, along with God's bidding that we love others as Christ has loved us.

The red confirmation stole is a reminder of the towel Jesus used when washing his disciples' feet as an act of service; and it is an ancient symbol of the "yoke of Christ" where each Christian is called to love and serve others in the world.



Altar flowers are in honor of all of the students celebrating the Rite of Confirmation.



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Worship Schedule: Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 am

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