

David's UCC on September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"O Spirit of Life" O Heiliger Geist, arr. David Cherwien

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Rob't Kreutz, arr. John Carter

"Prelude on a Shaker Hymn" based on "Simple Gifts,"
arr. James Southbridge

"Prelude on Kingsfold!" Penny Rodriguez

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: We come this morning to worship together;

Many: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet we are all children of the same Parent,

Many: Created lovingly by the Source of all life.

All: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet we all have one Teacher,

Many: Jesus, who is so close to God that he is said to be the living word that God spoke.

All: Different people, different lives, different histories;

One: Yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: As we gather to worship and welcome these confirmands into the life of David's Church, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ, which is at work in us.

Invocation – [The UCC Statement of Faith](#) (Doxology)

Children's Moment –

Litany for Confirmation –

One: The journey of faith is a journey through life.

Many: We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.

One: We sojourn on the pathway of the saints.

Many: We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

One: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way the road seems different.

Many: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes of a history yet to be made.

One: We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Many: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way.

One: It is a quest they must follow by themselves.

Many: We can tell them of our questions and offer to walk beside them, but the answers must come from within their own hearts.

One: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

All: *Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship God together.*

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Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"You Raise Me Up" Brendan Graham, arr. Mary McDonald and Joel Raney

Scripture –

Hebrew: Exodus 14: 19 – 26, 30; 15: 1b – 5, 11, 20

Epistle: Romans 14: 1, 7 – 12

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 – 35

Sermon – "Faith, Forgiveness, and Community (Or Things Required to Survive This Life)"

Introduction of Those Completing the Confirmation Journey –

William Mhaskar, Jackson Phillips, Aidan Thompson, Ingrid Winn

Order of Confirmation – Affirmation of Baptism

Invitation

Questions

Prayer of Confirmands – O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Confirmands – **Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Act of Confirmation – Prayer and Special Blessing with Laying on of Hands

Question About Participation –

Congregational Response – **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as members of the household of God. Through the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Hymn – “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I’ll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.**
- 2. When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong. Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**
- 3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**
- 4. I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Invitation to the Sacrament of our Lord’s Table –

Prayers of God’s People: Communion and Lord’s Prayer –

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Peace Like a River” African American spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

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