

Today's Scripture Passage

John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016!

May God richly bless you as you continue on your faith journey.



The Flowers in the morning's services are given in honor of our 2016 Confirmation Class

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon

Ushers: (9:30) Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner, Jane & John Aten

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for Special Fellowship Coffee following the service today to celebrate our Confirmands.

This is hosted by the Youth Council.

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Pastors: Jamie Hanna Williams, Stephen C. Williams

Confirmation Sunday, May 1, 2016
Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Prelude “Andante and Allegro from Sonata” Galina Dmitrik, Viola G. Martini
Processional of the Confirmation Class of 2016

Welcome & Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

*** Call To Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Leader God of the Ages, we come today as your people who have been called to rise up and follow you. We are pilgrims, travelers making our way.

People We sojourn on the ancient pathways of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

Leader Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

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

Leader Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, your daughters and sons, drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together and share God's love with the world! Amen.

*** Hymn of Celebration** “God of the Ages” No. 698

Unison Prayer

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to yourself. Thank you for calling us into this community of faith. Help us to love you, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 67
Aliya Haddon, Confirmation Class of 2015

Anthem “Look at the World” J. Rutter
Adult Choir

Words of Wisdom and Blessing for Our Confirmands

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Musical Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” K. Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Second Scripture Reading John 14: 23-29
Adam Nostrand, Confirmation Class of 2015

Sermon “Peace and Blessing” Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering “Offertory” J. N. Beck
* Doxology No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

A Service of Confirmation (See insert)

Celebration of the Holy Communion “Ave Maria” G. Caccini
Members of the Confirmation Class of 2016 are honored to serve the congregation in this celebration of Holy Communion. The United Methodist Church has an open table. All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in this sacrament.

*** Hymn of Praise** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” No. 160, verses 1, 3, & 5

*** Benediction** John Wesley's Rule
Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can! Amen.

Postlude “Festival Toccata” P. Fletcher

Reception into the United Methodist Church

Brittney Stephan

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Heidi Nelson

As newly confirmed members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these young people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Blessing and Celebration

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.

Applause and General Rejoicing!!



Confirmation Class of 2016

Genevieve Elizabeth Berryman

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown

Isaac Michael Dreyer

Clayton James Fayer

Cecily Diana Hetzel

Bryan Joseph Horvat

Thomas Daniel Hubbard

Brooke Katherine Hutchins

Erik Bradley Johnson

Keira Marie McFarland

Jenna Nicole Mounce

Alexander Cowles Randall

Christopher Drake Randall

**Claire Elizabeth Taranowski*

Colleen Marie Welch

Brynn Joanna Ziemke

A Service of Confirmation
The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
May 1, 2016

Introduction to the Service

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

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. All 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 Candidates

Brittney Stephan & Heidi Nelson

Genevieve Elizabeth Berryman
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown
Isaac Michael Dreyer
Clayton James Fayer
Cecily Diana Hetzel
Bryan Joseph Horvat
Thomas Daniel Hubbard
Brooke Katherine Hutchins

Erik Bradley Johnson
Keira Marie McFarland
Jenna Nicole Mounce
Alexander Cowles Randall
Christopher Drake Randall
**Claire Elizabeth Taranowski*
Colleen Marie Welch
Brynn Joanna Ziemke

** Claire Taranowski could not be with us today. She will be confirmed on May 8 at the 11:00am service.*

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church I ask you: 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 confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, 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 you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you, their parents, family members and friends, support and encourage them in their Christian faith?

We will.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I 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 in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Confirmation

*(Name), the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

UMCL News & Notes

ENJOY THE UMW RUMMAGE SALE ALL WEEK Today is the first day of Rummage Sale Week. Join us this afternoon for Fellowship Hall setup. Monday through Wednesday we will receive donations, sort and classify items and begin to set up the displays both inside and outside. Thursday you can help with the final displays of goods. We really need your help Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday morning to collect money, count items and generally make things run smoothly. Or come Saturday afternoon to help with clean-up. Free lunch on any weekday. Sign up or call Beth or Barb.

SUNDAY GOSPEL NIGHTS is coming to our sanctuary for a LIVE, FREE PRAISE event featuring Gospel songs, favorite hymns and contemporary Christian music. We will welcome this award-winning group and their Branson MO show featuring Christian artists Kim Boyce Koreiba and her husband, Gary. Please save the date and plan to join us on May 22nd at 4:00PM for an afternoon of inspirational music in our newly renovated sanctuary. Free childcare will be available for children under 4 RSVP at tinyurl.com/gospelnights or call Sandy Marquardt (847-680-4102).

ENDOWMENT EDGE Now that tax season is over, you can begin to plan for the future. Have you considered a charitable gift to the UMCL Endowment Fund to help save you taxes? Such a gift may work well for you. Our Church will appreciate your contribution.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE Life whispers, listen closely. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren(847-816-7340), Mary Spooner(847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

PADS SUMMER LUNCHESES The emergency shelter program for PADS is over on April 30. Starting in June we need volunteers to make lunches once a month, the 2nd Tuesday of each month from June until and including September. We need about 40 lunches. Groups, families, etc can support this outreach. Please call Cathy O'Brien, 847-367-8062. Thanks for all the volunteers in the past!

MOTHER'S DAY Special Offering. The Mother's Day offering will go to United Voices for Children. UVC speaks God's Word regarding poverty, immigration, education, homelessness, safe homes to abused children and youth, and hope of recovery from substance abuse. Your donation will give a voice to these children.

PRIME TIME Monday, May 9th at 12:00 noon. (second week of May because of Rummage Sale) Lunch is \$5.00. Program will be presented by Author, Judy Knox. She will bring books to purchase. Go to: amazon.com/author/judyknox to view her books. All are welcome, but please sign up by 5/5/16.

CALLING ALL MEN! B.I.G. Time is in need of men to teach a fun activity on Mother's Day (May 8th). Let's give the Moms a break from the kiddos for an hour! If you are interested in teaching or helping please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will be meeting May 17 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Lori Byrd will be giving the program on her snorkeling adventures. Everyone is welcome. Questions? call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523

BREAKOUT SUNDAY May 22nd is where our B.I.G. Time program will "break out" of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting) Please pick your kids up in the Grove following the 9:30 service. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

WASHER & DRYER NEEDED If you have one to donate, please call the church office.847-362-2112

VBS Vacation Bible School this summer - July 18th to July 22nd from 9:00AM to Noon. Register now at www.umcl.org/vbs-registration