

**E**very year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And as Jesus grew up, he increased in wisdom and in favor with God and people.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2014!  
May God richly bless you as you continue on your faith journey.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by  
Herb and Mary Spooner in honor of the confirmands and with love to their daughter  
and in memory of Louise Leesley.

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

**Sound Tech:** Darin Chartier **Greeters:** (9:30)

**Acolytes:** (9:30) Anna Becker, Lane Mayes

**May Ushers:** (8:15) Judy Azwe, Larry Corrigan, Clem Vath

(9:30) Dan Joyce, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal,

Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin, Karl Taylor, Jean Turner

**Coffee Fellowship:** (9:00—11:00 AM) Please join us for coffee and refreshments  
served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by Young Couples.

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# Confirmation Sunday

May 4, 2014



## Greetings and Announcements

(Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

## Prelude

### \* Call To Worship

**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

Proverbs 4:1-9

Ben Hallett, Youth Pastor (8:15??)

Sarah Mitchell, Assistant Youth Pastor (9:30??)

## Anthem

## Words of Wisdom and Blessing for Our Confirmands

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

No. 895

### Musical Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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.

### Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

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### Sermon

"Taking Charge of Your Life"

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

### \* Hymns

"Majesty" & "He Is Lord"

Nos. 176 & 177

### A Celebration of Confirmation (9:30)

(See insert)

### Offering / Offertory

#### \* Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 94

#### \* Prayer of Dedication

### Celebration of Holy Communion

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Gluten free wafers are available.

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

### \* 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



\* Those who are able are invited to stand.