

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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May 18, 2008 – 10:15 am
Trinity Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude "Festive Tocatta" Thygerson

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship Responsively

Leader: Jesus was very young.

People: He was only 12 years old.

L: He sat among the teachers in the Temple, listening and asking questions.

P: And he frightened his parents when they could not find him in their homeward-bound party.

L: Gracious Parent of all your children, look with favor upon these boys and girls who, at a similar age, are about to be confirmed in their baptismal faith.

P: Help them grow in their knowledge of your Word and in their love for serving Jesus.

L: Accept this service of confirmation as a thank offering for your gift of them to us, their parents, their congregation.

P: Make them wholly yours from this day forward, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Song** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Black hymnal, 2088

Unison Prayer for Our Confirmands

Gracious and loving God of justice and peace, grant that these Confirmands, as they grow in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus our Lord, and that by the renewing and transforming influence of the Holy Spirit they may ever be true children of yours, serving you faithfully all their days. So guide and uphold their parents and this congregation that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead them into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

Kaleigh Russell

Abby White

Praying

Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively) Black hymnal, 2278

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal, 2058

The Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1) – Ian Abbott

Scripture Song

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (p. 616) – Carlson Krueger

Scripture Song

Colossians 3:13 (p. 201) – Grace McNeal

Anthem "Credo (I Believe)" from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray Chancel Choir

Sermon "Knowing the Time" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal, 2058

Celebrating Confirmation

The Service of Confirmation Red hymnal, 45-49

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

- Offertory** "Beautiful Savior" Paxton
- *Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405
- *Prayer of Dedication** Unison
O God, we ask you to take our hands and work through them; take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and think through them; take our hearts and by your Holy Spirit set them on fire with your love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Going Forth

- *Closing Song** "God, the Sculptor of the Mountains" Black hymnal, 2060
- *Blessing**
- *Blessing Response** "Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal, 2158
- *Postlude** "Sabbath" Eliot

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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