

Service of Confirmation and Reception

December 13, 2020

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,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,

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

I present Jackson Thomas Butler for confirmation.

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 give to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Jack with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his
service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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

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?

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.

Do you believe in 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.

**means universal*

Confirmation of Faith

Jack, remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

Jack, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reception into the United Methodist Church

As a member 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 Local Congregation

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend Jack Butler to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
And we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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.