



Confirmation

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May 5, 2019

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Owen Durham Earnest
Ellie Pierce Godwin
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Mercer Anne Murray
Kate Elizabeth Poitevint
Kate Callaway Sigman

First United Methodist Church
11:00 AM Service of Worship
May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter/ Confirmation Sunday

GATHERING

Before the Service Begins

Please write your praises or prayer concerns and either give them to the ushers or bring them to Pastor Mike during the Passing of the Peace. Prayer request slips are available in the Registration Pads in each pew and on the table in front of the Church Office.

GREETING

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mike Brown

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.
Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

PRELUDE "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship" . . .arr. Doerksen. Children's Choir

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE Rev. Mike Brown

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 CANDIDATES Steve Reynolds, Lay Leader

I present Elaina Grace Brantley, Mercer Anne Murray, and Kate Callaway Sigman for baptism and confirmation.
I present Owen Durham Earnest, Ellie Pierce Godwin, Bay Kristen Harper, and Kate Elizabeth Poitevint for confirmation.

***PROCESSION OF THE CONFIRMANDS and LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** Maddox Reynolds, Acolyte

Processional Music: "This is the Day of New Beginnings"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Leaders and Congregation

Many voices are speaking to us today in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, on the television.
Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.
Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.
Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.
Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, commercials and through media.
Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

Leaders: As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases You, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us. Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness You placed within us, and to honor You in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for Your voice. Amen.

– Dan Wilt, on his website, Dan Wilt.com.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 303** “The Day of Resurrection”

***LITANY FOR CONFIRMATION** Confirmands and Congregation

We are surrounded...

by Moses and Miriam,

by David and Deborah

and by three Hebrew boys who would rather burn than bow to other gods.

We are surrounded...

by prophets and priests,

by prostitutes and poor folk,

and by unnamed martyrs who were not ashamed to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are surrounded...

by the famous and the forgotten,

by the learned and the unlearned,

and by millions who found meaning in following the Resurrected Jesus.

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (*Hebrews 12:1-2a*)

All Confirmands: Today, we take our place among these witnesses and dare to love others as Christ loves us. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

The pastor addresses the candidates:

According to the grace given to you,

will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?
I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:
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 these persons 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 these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
You swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah
You saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood You set in the clouds a rainbow.
When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt,
You led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children You brought through the Jordan
to the land which You promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by Your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
His glory among all the people.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in His final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through Your Son Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever.**

BAPTISM

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Name, Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

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

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members 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 these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them 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
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
that you may live in grace and peace.

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RESPONSE "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Roland S. Cole-Turner. Chancel Choir

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CALL TO PRAYER "Lead Me, Lord". Samuel Wesley. Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER. Rev. Brown

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"**

OFFERING. Ellie Godwin and Mercer Murray

OFFERTORY PRAYER Ellie Godwin

Generous and surprising God,
when we thought that death
had claimed Your only Son,
You amazed us with the resurrection.

Surprise us again
with your ability to turn these humble offerings
into gifts that will transform the world

through our witness to Your love.
We lay our very lives at Your feet, O God,
knowing that You will use us
to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

--written by Laura Jaquith Barlett, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2528/worship-elements-april-12-2015>

OFFERTORY “Jesus Loves Me” with “O How He Loves You and Me”. arr. Bradbury/Kaiser
Bennett Earnest, Destiny Fillingame, Goldie Gossett, Ava Martin, and Izzy Rentz

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95.** “The Doxology”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

ANTHEM “He Plants Me Like a Seed”. arr. Rambo. Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Mercer Murray

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Ephesians 2:8-10 Owen Earnest

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 3:23 and 5: 8 Ellie Godwin

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(5:8)
⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SHARING OUR FAITH Confirmands

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. Rev. Brown and Confirmands

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Presenting the Elements: Owen Earnest, Laney Brantley, Kate Sigman

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in Your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
Your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so,
with Your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed Him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when You would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to Your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
He promised to be with us always,
in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread,
gave it to His disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup,
gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is My blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church,
all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion Servers: Ellie Godwin, Bay Harper, Kate Poitevint, Mercer Murray

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***HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 610** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

***BENEDICTION** Owen Earnest

Now go forth into the world recalling 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
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can."

In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Jesus Loves Me" Traditional

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

POSTLUDE "The Song of Zachariah" tune, *Thornbury* setting Charles Callahan

***PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)**

Thank you to Dana Schaaf for developing the slide-show shown at the beginning of the service. Thank you to Steve Reynolds, Lay Leader; Lucas Reynolds, United Methodist Men's President; and Jane Conger and Terri Fleetwood, representing United Methodist Women for assisting with the service. Thank you to Ida Cooksey, Karen Forrester, and Elizabeth Simmons for preparing a luncheon for our confirmands and their families following this morning's service.

Bulletin Baskets: are found at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.

Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy - "No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time." Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with them.

Members Who Minister

Ushers for May 2019: Keith Kerper, Earl Begley, Ward Cole, Butch Yarbrough

Greeters for May 5, 2019: 11:00 AM Wes & Martha Stant

Acolyte for Traditional Worship on May 5, 2019: Maddox Reynolds

Snack Supper for May 5, 2019: Kacie Flowers

Calendar for May 5, 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019 - Confirmation Sunday

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Confirmation Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 PM-----Confirmation Luncheon, J. O. Smith Building
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:30 PM-----Youth Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
6:00 PM-----1 Timothy 4:12 UMYF, Youth Basement

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
9:30 AM-----Church Staff Meeting, Simmons Parlor
5:15 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Adult Sunday School Building

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
*6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room
*6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir (with Youth Choir) Rehearsal, Choir Room

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Reception for The Browns

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to a reception in honor of Rev. Mike Brown and Mrs. Tammy Brown on Sunday, May 12, from 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in Simmons Parlor. Join us as we show our appreciation for their years of pastoral leadership among us. This will be Rev. Brown's final Sunday in the pulpit at Bainbridge FUMC as he prepares for his new appointment at Waycross FUMC in June.

If you would like to contribute to a love offering for the Browns, please drop it off at the Church Office and indicate "Brown Love Offering."

Mother's Day Offering

The annual Mother's Day Offering for The League of the Good Samaritan at Magnolia Manor, our South Georgia Annual Conference Ministry for Senior Living, will be received Sunday, May 12. The funds raised from this offering support the work of the League in keeping a promise that no one will ever have to leave Magnolia Manor because of an inability to pay for their care. For more information about Magnolia Manor, visit www.magnoliamanor.com.

2019 Graduation

The following students are our known graduates in the Class of 2019: Mallie Kate Andrews, Sean Casterline, Randy Fillingame, Parker Miller, Abigail Mills, Collin Morrison. If there are any other high school seniors you know of, please notify the Church Office.

Our Graduate Recognition service will be Sunday, May 19, during our 11:00 AM Unity Worship Service. Our graduates will be leading all parts of the service. The United Methodist Men invite the graduates and their families to a breakfast honoring their accomplishments on May 19 at 8:30 am in the J.O. Smith Building. Please RSVP to the Church Office.

This year, as in the past, we will create a PowerPoint presentation to honor our Seniors. Seniors and Senior parents, please bring the following to the Church Office: One (1) baby photo, one (1) elementary school photo, one (1) middle school photo, and one (1) Senior photo. If you have any group photos of your Senior with any other FUMC Seniors, please include those as well. Please turn these in by May 12. All photos will be returned to you.