

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
Mother's Day
May 11, 2025

REFLECTION: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." – John 10:27-28, NRSV

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PEACE: La pace sia con te - Italian

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹:**

Leader: The God of day and darkness moves among us...

People: We are the people of Living Water.

Leader: The God of hope and promise lives among us...

People: We are the people of Living Water.

Leader: The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name...

People: We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God's kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.

***OPENING HYMN:**

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #605

***A Litany for Mother's Day 2:**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

People: Thank God for mothers!

*At this mark, you may stand as you are comfortable

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

People: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

People: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

People: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

People: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

People: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

People: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

People: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE: "My Tribute" #99**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson Acts 9:36-43

Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Surrender All" #354 v.2

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³:

God, you have delivered us from hunger and from thirst by the fruits of your creation. The gifts you have given overflow before us. In return, we offer these gifts back to you, and back to those who suffer from ecological degradation and climate change. May the gifts we give enable the building of the healed world envisioned in Revelation. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Wonder of Wonders" #2247

Gospel Lesson John 10:22-30

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen

MESSAGE: "My Sheep"

CONFIRMATION: Please see insert

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #381

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Paul Mancini, Nizzy, Dan & his Mom, Bill Swift, Korea, Katie, Mary, Jo-Ann Tilton, Herman, People of Palestine and Ukraine, Victims of California fires, Ellie Smith, Tony, exchange of captives between Isreal and those in Gaza, Bradley Piscitello, Victims of plane crash on 1/29, Gould Family, Claire, Julie, Christopher Stentiford, Marj Stark, Jim and Debbie Campbell, Loved ones of Kim Steele, Peggy Wilson, Richard, Nancy Tompros, Pope Francis, Skating Team, Rev. Richard Higgins, Ruthie, John Douglass, Dick Wallis, Shawn Berry, Nancy Higgins, Harry Smith, Lynn, William Drury, Pamela Drury, Sandy Gray, Danielle DeSantis.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Shin at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or texted to 781-572-6650 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Shin, please notify him at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 781-572-6650. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

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EVENTS

Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The Gathering – 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30am-Noon

AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

May 11 – Confirmation Sunday

Mother's Day

May 18 – Children's Sunday

HOLY TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(an inclusive and reconciling congregation)

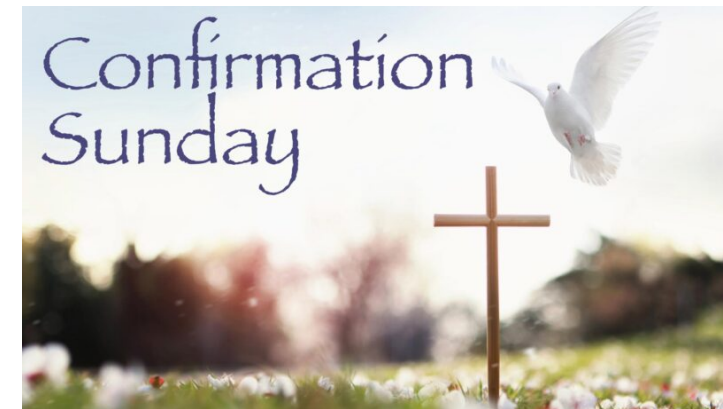
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A Service of Confirmation
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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
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 CANDIDATES

I present the following persons for confirmation:

Julia Ellsworth
Colin Page
Benjamin Piscitello
Brooke Piscitello
Cameron Schieding
Reese Schieding
Sabrina Stoney

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

**All parents, family members, mentors, and the candidates stand*

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,

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 God,
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 universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

CONFIRMATION

*Each candidate for confirmation will kneel in the chancel.
Mentors and immediate family members are invited to join in
the laying on of hands.*

*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
the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to
strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

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

I will.

*Mentors and family members and the Holy Trinity
congregation congratulate the Confirmands.*

*The Confirmation candle is kindled and shared by the
Confirmands.*

Confirmation certificates are given to the Confirmands.

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.

**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.