



## *Confirmation*

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GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION

Pastor: 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.

And through the confirmation of our faith, we confirm for ourselves the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledging what God is doing for us, and affirming our commitment to Christ's holy church.

I present to you *Ryan Anderson, Chloe Haggerty, Kimberly Lutton, Karl Martin, and Carlotte Roth* for Confirmation.

## QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION

Pastor: 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?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: 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?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

**Confirmands: I will.**

Pastor: Will you who sponsor these confirmands support and encourage them in their Christian life?

**Sponsors: I will.**

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

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

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these people of God now before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children of God 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 a true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## PROFESSING & REMEMBERING

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

**All:** I believe in God, the father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

## CONFIRMATION

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be  
thankful.

**ALL:** Amen.

Pastor: 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.

**ALL:** Amen.

*Following their confirmation, each confirmand will receive their own stole, which they have customized, as a symbol of the responsibility laid upon them, as well as a gift from their church reminding them that they are cherished and an important part of this church family.*

## RECEPTION INTO THE UMC

**Pastor:** 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 and move us further toward a perfect love?

**Candidate:** I will.

## RECEPTION INTO THE UMC

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

**Candidate:** I will.

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

**Pastor:** To you, the congregation and members of the household of God, I commend *these people* to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase *their* faith, confirm *their* hope, and perfect *them* in love.

**ALL:**

**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.**

Pastor:

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. Amen.