



Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, August 23, 2020

4:00pm

Prelude — “Here I Am, Lord”
David

Setting by Anne Marie

Words of Welcome

Presentation of Confirmands

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these young people*, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Confirmands should stand where they are (by their families) when Mark introduces them.

I present:

Isabel Avant

Vera Berglund

Anna Boomgaarden

Sam Buffington

Eleanor Kennedy

David Marlow

Daisy Pehrson

David Pehrson

Natalie Peterson

Maya Pettis, and

Raina Roemhildt.

These individuals *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

All please stand in body or spirit.

I ask you to respond to three “no” questions and three “yes” questions, in keeping with an ancient baptismal tradition.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Sign for “I renounce them”.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Sign for “I renounce them”.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Sign for “I renounce them”.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Sign for “I believe”

Do you 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead?

Sign for “I believe”

Do you 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?

Sign for “I believe”

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All may be seated. Pastor Gwen goes to each confirmand, who stands in the midst of their family group.

You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand responds with soft voice and sign language:

Yes, with God.

The family may lay hands on the person and say:

Holy and Loving God, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

Amen.

After prayer, the family places their personalized stole on the confirmand.

Once completed, the family sits.

Congregational Support

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

Respond using sign language: Yes, with God

We rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ

Who have affirmed their baptism today.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Respond with sign language for applause.

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Be Thou My Vision”
Hayes

Setting by Mark