

Morning Worship and Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, November 8, 2020, 10:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "One Voice"

Prelude "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" RoseAnne Homola

Words to ponder: "What decision would change your life forever? Choosing this day to follow God is that decision. What is stopping you?"

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Scriptures for 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Judges 4:1-7;
Psalms 123 or Psalms 76; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Our ancestors have led us here.

People: **We are witnesses of their faith.**

Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

People: **We are children of its call.**

Leader: The choice to follow God lies before us.

People: **We are heirs of its promise.**

Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.

People: **We are here to worship the Lord.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

We pray for Your Holy Spirit to break through, to renew, and to revive our churches, unleashing new life! We pray for our clergy to be empowered to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and promise. We pray that Your Spirit will transform us and boldly use us, without limits, delays or excuses, to reach new disciples for Jesus Christ and to transform this world. We ask that Your Spirit work through each of us to raise the dead to new life. In the precious and holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Shout to the Lord"

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Sheryl Rajpolt

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:24-27 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts/
Ron Giannattasio

"Confirmation Graduation"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

We long to have the courage to choose you, O God, each and every day. We yearn for the forbearance to wait patiently, through the long watches of the night – for we long to be found ready, when you appear in your glory. Fill our lamps with your grace, that we might share your light with our children and with the generations to come. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Patti Early

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) We come before you, O God, with gifts in your name in service of the world. We bring you this offering, as a symbol of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love, that they may go forth as your blessing and wisdom for the world. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Trust in The Lord"

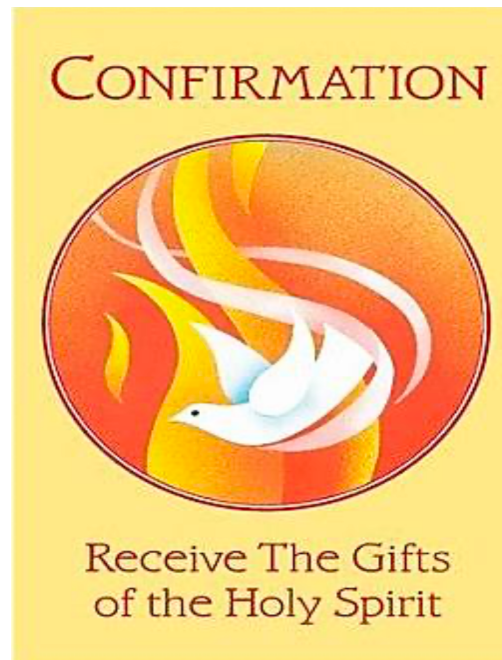
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction Response "May You Run and Not be Weary"
Rose Aiello/Patti Early/Dave Aiello, Guitar

Our Worship Tech Team

**Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt**

Ed Dayton – Pastor
Leader: Confirmands; Children's Time: Sheryl Rajpolt
Joys and Concerns: Patti Early
Soloists: Rose Aiello, Patti Early
Guitar: Dave Aiello
Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn
Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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