

An Order of Service for Confirmation

Leader: Do you desire to join this family of faith and to confirm your faith on this Day of Pentecost?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Do you believe in God?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Respecting divine mystery as revealed but not limited to the Biblical stories of our faith, will you strive to walk humbly with God?

Confirmand: I will.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus the Christ, accepting his grace for your own life?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Trusting Jesus' example, will you accept the cost and joy of following him?

Confirmand: I will.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Will you continue to grow in your faith, to ask questions and to listen for our still speaking God?

Confirmand: I will.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God to be Christ's disciples, embodying the inclusivity and radical acceptance that Jesus taught us to offer to all people?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Do you promise to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to live the teachings of Jesus to the best of your ability?

Confirmand: I do

Leader: Will you support this church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

Confirmand: I will.

Confirmand's Prayer

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Congregation's Prayer

Holy One, we celebrate these beloved children of God who have confirmed their faith today. We have watched some of them grow up in this church, while others have joined us more recently. They bring a rainbow of gifts – each one loved for who they are. May this day be another beginning as they publicly affirm their faith. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Gifts

Question to the Congregation

Leader: Will you welcome Alyssa, Bella, Gloria, Jocelyn and Logan into the membership of the First Congregational Church UCC and embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Do you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of this body and help it to grow in new ways? Will you support them in their continued journey of life and faith?

Congregation: We will! In the name of God, we joyfully welcome you as full members of this church. We covenant with you to fulfill our church's mission to respect diversity in the ways we express our faith, to share in thoughtful dialogue about faith issues, to encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world. We promise to share God's love for all people, and to welcome everyone, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. Welcome to our church family!