

The Question to the Congregation

Elder Debbie Price

Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide Fisher, Robert, Windsor, Hannah, Miller, J.J., Hayes, Burroughs, Parker, and Trace by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

The Welcome of the Newly Confirmed Members

Presentation of Stoles, Certificates, and Gifts

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hayes Skidmore

Ushers: Robert Coombs, Miller Ludlum, J.J. Rouse, Trace Thompson

Offertory

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

Hayes Skidmore

\*Hymn #188

**“Jesus Loves Me!”**

JESUS LOVES ME

\*Benediction

Windsor Farris

\*Postlude

**Confirmation**

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
Youth Sunday, Confirmation 2023**

**May 7, 2023**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hannah Floyd

Choral Call to Worship **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Windsor Farris, Hannah Floyd, Parker Thompson

Opening Sentences

Burroughs Strickland

*Leader: We are surrounded by diversity.*

**All: We all come from different backgrounds.**

*Leader: We are here together to listen to God’s Word.*

**All: We live together and are bound by God’s love.**

*Leader: The Lord calls us to worship in unity.*

**All: In our worship, let us become one.**

\*Hymn(insert) **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Miller Ludlum

**Holy God, so often we forget to live through you. We get distracted and our focus shifts from you to material things and wants. We get so caught up in ourselves that we fail to come together as one. We stray from our faith, getting far off track of your vision for us. Forgive us, Lord, for putting you off. Help us to remember that it takes many parts to make up one whole. Guide us to work as one people, not just single individuals. Lead us all in a direction of togetherness, so we may live faithfully as one and as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Windsor Farris

*Leader: The good news of the gospel is that everything we have done wrong is forgiven by the grace of God in Jesus Christ.*

**All: Because Christ died for all, walls can be brought down and turned into bridges.**

*Leader: Through the cross, Christ shows us how to turn hate into love. Believe the Good News!*

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Sermon

Parker Thompson

Special Music

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Burroughs Strickland, trumpet

Prayer for Illumination

Hannah Floyd

**Holy God, open our hearts and minds to hear your Good News.  
Through your Word unite us as your church so we can more faithfully  
do the world of Christ our Lord. Through him we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Parker Thompson

\*Hymn #442

**"Just as I Am, without One Plea"** WOODWORTH

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Hayes Skidmore

Sermon

**"I Believe . . ."**

Fisher Blanton, Hannah Floyd, Windsor Farris

A Time for Silent Reflection

A Prayer by the Confirmation Class with the Lord's Prayer Fisher Blanton

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation Elder Debbie Price

The Meaning of Confirmation

The Affirmation of Faith: the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he  
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Questions to the Candidates

