



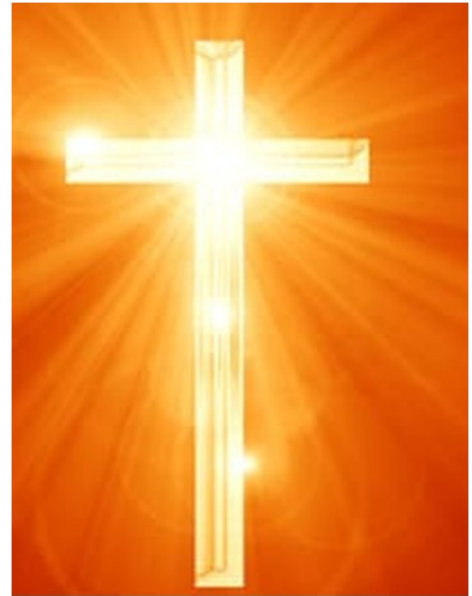
Confirmation Sunday
April 28, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World

Preparation for Worship

...Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh....

—From “St. Thomas the Apostle” by Malcolm Guite



We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Sean Cator, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register.

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

How Great Is Our God

Praise Band

† Call to Worship

Adam Smith

One: O God, we know your love through Jesus, who has redeemed us,

Many: And you call us to faith.

One: O Creator, we see your love in creation, in science, in the people
and animals you give,

Many: And you call us to worship.

One: O Jesus, we feel your love when we serve one another

Many: And you call us to lives of service.

Statement of Faith

Adam Smith

Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Confession

Nicholas Machado

God of compassion, you have given us everything we need: friendship with you, communities of love and support, and our daily bread. And yet we allow ourselves to be distracted and tempted away from you, the source of all we need. We find it hard to believe when we see bad things happening. We stray from your commands and go our own way. We grow tired or bored in following Christ into a life of service. God, thank you for being a God who lets us learn from our mistakes. Forgive us, give us energy and love, and lead us in the right paths to bring glory to your name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God loves us so much that he gave up his son for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith

Nicholas Machado

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Mercy Tree
Chancel Choir

Arr. Martin

Statement of Faith

Emma Shoemaker

Children's Message

Cindi Bryant and Kaylea Barber

Statement of Faith

Kaylea Barber

Hymn #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Statement of Faith

Ian Barber

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

Meditation

More Wood for the Fire

Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation

Ed and Cindi Bryant

Profession of Faith and Apostles' Creed (p. 35 in Hymnal)

Membership Questions

Prayer, Laying on of Hands, and Welcome

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

La Cinquantaine
Emma Shoemaker, Cello - Mark Shoemaker, Piano

Gabriel-Marie

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Ian Barber

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Hymn #817

We Walk by Faith

† Blessing

Postlude

Sean Cator, Pianist

*Thanks to the Confirmation Class for leading us in worship today.
Our call to worship, prayer of confession, and assurance of pardon are
inspired by the words from the confirmands' statements of faith.*

*We would also like to thank the mentors and leaders who stood beside
each of the confirmands this year: Dean Jones, Greta
Miller, Kim Hatfield, Nelson Thurman, and Nancy
Machado; and Cindi and Ed Bryant.*

The Flowers Are Dedicated by The Gipson Family

In Memory of Francis Gipson

Your greeter today was Nancy Mankin.





***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 4-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship: K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 5-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in groups that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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