

Driftless Ministries

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter - Confirmation Sunday

Pastor - Sandy Conrad

Bell Ringer/Greeter: LP: Angela & Trista Diehl NH: Oscar Johnson

PRELUDE/Processional: *Nobody* Casting Crowns

Marla Withey (RET), Tom Baker (RET/NH), Janna Thew (LP)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/Prayer of Preparation

R: Pastor Sandy LP: Hailey Thompson NH: Olivia Johnson

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy Spirit, strengthen us with your gifts of wisdom and courage and understanding. Fill us with the joy of your presence. Increase in us the fruit of your Spirit and help us to count on your guidance every day. Descend on us today, in this place, and remain with us forever.

Amen. (Psalm 23)

HYMN #133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* vs 1&2

CALL TO WORSHIP: (and Opening prayer)

R & NH Pastor Sandy LP: Isabella Thompson

L: Trust in the Lord with all your hearts, and do not lean on your own understanding.

P: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,

P: So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are all initiated into Christ's holy church. We have been given new birth through water and the Spirit. As we gather today as a church family, we renew the covenant declared at our baptisms, acknowledge all that God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church. We do this in the strong name of Jesus, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 29:10-15; 30:11-14,19; 33:27

R: Pastor Sandy. LP: #1: Landen J. Colburn, #2: Elizabeth Hammond, #3: Hannah Hammond.

NH: Bob Caley (all three)

HYMN #70

GLORIA PATRI

MESSAGE

Therefore, Choose Life

Rev. Sandy Conrad

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CONFIRMATION SERVICE (See Insert)

HYMN *CHRIST IS ENOUGH FOR ME* HILLSONG WORSHIP

all verses

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU

HYMN #2129 *I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS* all verses

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ON THE CALENDAR

Today: **Confirmation Sunday**
 8 a.m. @ Retreat
 9:30 a.m. @ Liberty Pole
 11 a.m. @ New Hope

**Wednesday: Wednesday Warriors, 3:30 - 5 p.m. @ New Hope
Food Pantry Open, 5 – 6:30 p.m. @ New Hope**

Thursday: Food Pantry Open, 9 - 11 a.m. @ New Hope

Sunday: Communion Sunday
Fellowship Time, 9 a.m. @ Retreat

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Pastor: Retreat family, these persons who are to be confirmed have received the Sacrament of Baptism, have been instructed in the teachings of the Church, and are now ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptized.

(The President of the Church Council of each church will present the candidates at this time and then gift them their certificates and Bibles at the end of the vows).

I present _____ for confirmation into LP, R, or NH church.

Pastor: Do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your baptism?

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and pledge your allegiance to His kingdom?

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

Confirmand: I will.

Pastor: Will you be loyal to Christ's church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?

Confirmand: I will.

Pastor: _____, the Lord defend you with His heavenly grace and by His Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and bid you welcome to this Methodist church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.