



CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 20, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Andy P. Morgan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Britton Leitch

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."
People: And so we come to follow Christ.
Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."
People: And so we come to dwell in the Light.
Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."
**People: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.
And so we come to worship God!**

* INVOCATION

Rachel Patton-McCord

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating. Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others, by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1,4,5)

Kelvingrove

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

- PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS**
- EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH**
- QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS**
- QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**
- RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS AND LAYING ON OF HANDS Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Mark R. Curtis & Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

- INVITATION TO THE TABLE**
- WORDS OF INSTITUTION**
- COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

(Confirmands and their families and guests will be invited to come forward to receive communion around the table in small groups.)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Craig Wrisberg

Question: Do you believe in God, the Father?

Response: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Question: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Response: I believe 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.

Question: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Response: 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.

*** SENDING HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Michael Burkhardt

** Please stand if you are able.*



2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Spencer Bohner
Katherine Buchanan
Parson Campen
MacKenna Cook
Daniel Curtis
Micah Davis
Eleanor Efurd
Noah Jones
Harper McAdoo
Laura Smith

2024 Confirmation Class Conversation Partners

Britton Leitch
Craig Wrisberg
Rachel Patton-McCord
Sarah Buchanan

2024 Confirmation Class Teachers

Rev. Dr. Andy P. Morgan
Director of Family Faith Formation

Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mark R. Curtis
Senior Pastor