



# **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Hope Lutheran Church  
Wake Forest, NC**

# The Rite of Confirmation

AUGUST 2, 2020 ~ 2:30PM



PRELUDE

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: We confess together:

C: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.**

P: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

*"All Creatures of Our God And King" (LBW527, vs. 1 & 7)*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with  
us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And sil - ver moon

with soft - er gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness.  
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
 Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
 Oh, praise im! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Congregation is seated*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Psalm 103:13-18**

**R:** As a father shows compassion to his children,

**C:** **So the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

**R:** For he knows our frame;

**C:** **He remembers that we are dust.**

**R:** As for man, his days are like grass;

**C:** **He flourishes like a flower of the field;**

**R:** For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

**C:** **And its place knows it no more.**

**R:** But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

**C:** **And his righteousness to children's children,**

**R:** To those who keep his covenant,

**C:** **And remember to do his commandments.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

**1 John 2:28-3:3**

<sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

**3** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

*Congregation stands*

### HOLY GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8**

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you

abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

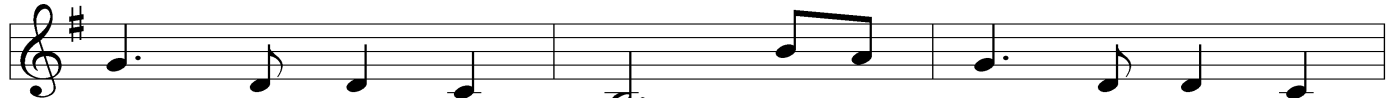
Congregation is seated

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry" (WOV770, vs. 1-2, 4)



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was



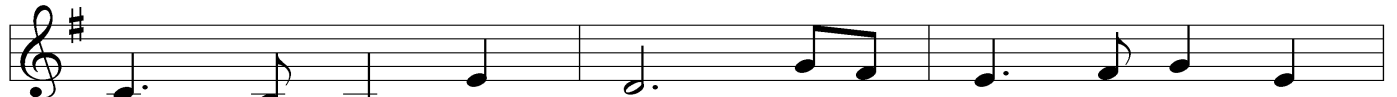
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the



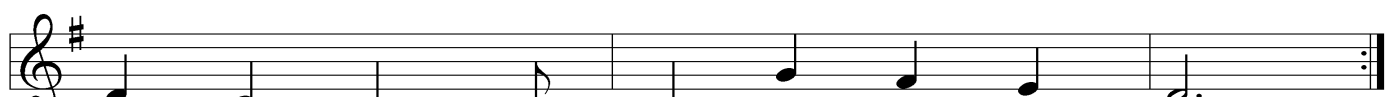
were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.



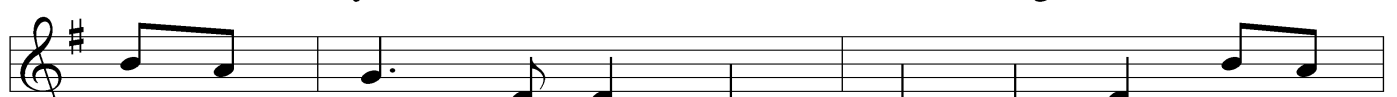
I was there when you were but a child, with a  
If you find some - one to share your time and you



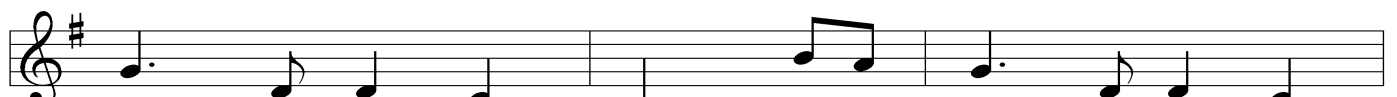
faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

## CONFIRMATION SERMON

"You Belong!"  
Pastor Lew Upchurch

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### CONFIRMATION PLEDGES

### CONFIRMATION BLESSING

✠ Ephram Lee Arner ✠  
✠ Alan Lee Barker Jr. ✠  
✠ Gabriella Mackenzie Clark ✠  
✠ Austen DeVerna ✠  
✠ Charlotte Miriam Hederick ✠  
✠ Joshua Antonio Hernandez ✠  
✠ Emily Rose Hoh ✠  
✠ Elizabeth Anne Laauwe ✠  
✠ Weston Lane ✠  
✠ Ryleigh Anne Meyer ✠

✠ John Patrick Carl Monahan ✠  
✠ Mason James O'Brien ✠  
✠ Leah Therese Phetteplace ✠  
✠ Isaac Charles Raynor ✠  
✠ Jaden Nicole Rotosky ✠  
✠ Miriam Lewis Upchurch ✠  
✠ Ally Jessica Verunac ✠  
✠ Anthony Louis Verunac ✠  
✠ Ethan Carver Weitzel ✠  
✠ Emily Logan Wrenn ✠

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

*Congregation stands*

### PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020

## + HOLY COMMUNION +

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

### 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 and ever. Amen.**

### SHARING OF PEACE

### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Congregation is seated*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**WORDS OF BLESSING**

*Congregation stands*

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Lift High The Cross" (LBW377, vs. 1 & 2) →

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** The worship is ended.

**C:** The service now begins.

**P:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,



our the king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.

*Refrain*