

Pentecost 15 - Confirmation September 13, 2020

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SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to help your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake

God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN:

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

We Are Marching in the Light

Siyahamba

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Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
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 we are march - ing in the light of God.

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 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba
We are march - ing

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oo

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Caroline Hogan

P The Lord be with you
C **And also be with you**

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

Christian Braatz

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they
had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this
as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still
bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to
him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before
he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong
they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the
God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also
wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said
to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to
do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as
he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."
In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

SOLO

"Flying Free"

May Friday, Susan Racloz and Kevin Ross

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**Nathaniel Wesley**

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter****C Glory to you, O lord.****GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor Presents the Confirmands

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these young people whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen**

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to, profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

R **I renounce them**

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R **I renounce them**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R **I renounce them**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R **I renounce them**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Affirmation with the Congregation

P You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor will ask parents, grandparents, Godparents and mentors to come up to the altar.

Laying of the hands

P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, wash us from sin,
and raise us to eternal life.

C **Amen**

P Stir up in *(name)* the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

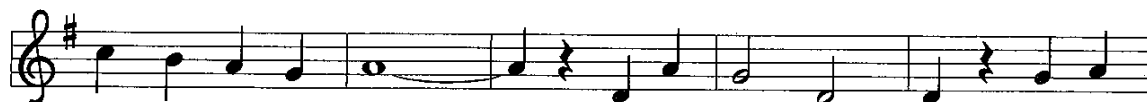


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

SERMON

Pastor Cady

PRAYERS

AM As people who have received new life in baptism, we confidently lift our prayers.

For Grace, your merciful gift of forgiveness of all our sins,

AM For Faith, your merciful gift of a trusting heart in us,

AM For the Scriptures, your merciful gift of a living Word to us

AM For the Gospel, your merciful promise of redemption and renewal,

AM For the Church, your merciful gift of a people marked by your cross and resurrection,

AM For Christ, in whom we have new life, peace, joy, and hope,

AM For our neighbors, that in their need we may serve you by serving them,

AM For our confirmands, that they may continue to grow in faith, and that their gifts may be blessings to others.

AM For our families, that love and trust will make them strong.

P We thank you for life and its blessings; make us worthy stewards in our lives and of our blessings. Thankful for all your gifts, and all our opportunities to bear them to our neighbors, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

COMMUNION: Please open your kit and take communion.



SOLO "I am the Bread of Life"

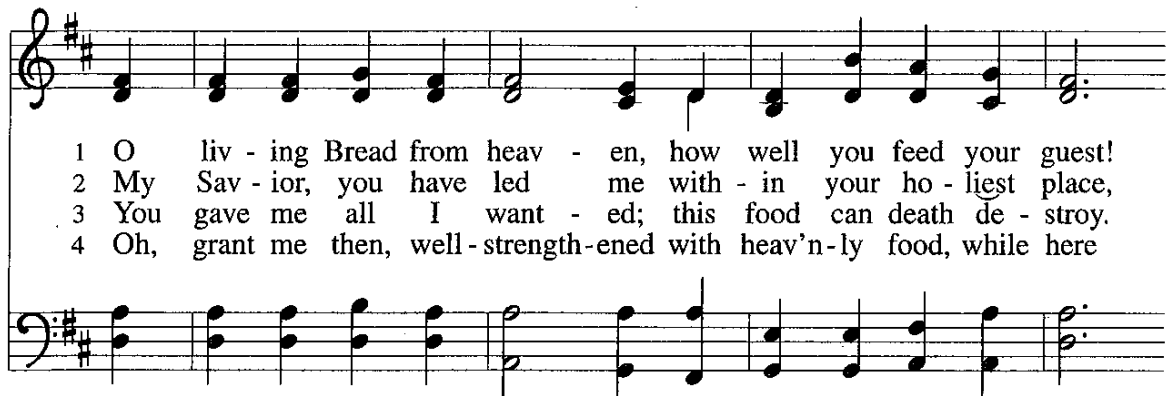
Kevin Ross

BLESSING

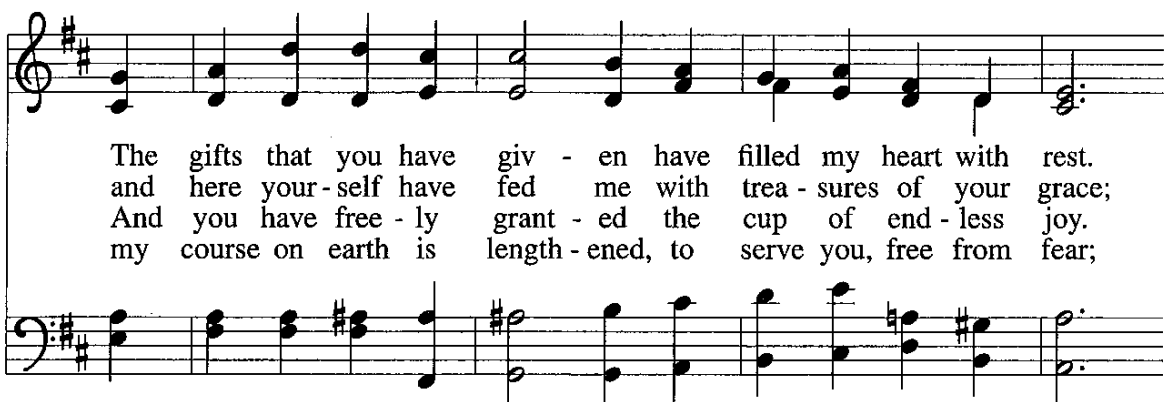
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you
The lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.

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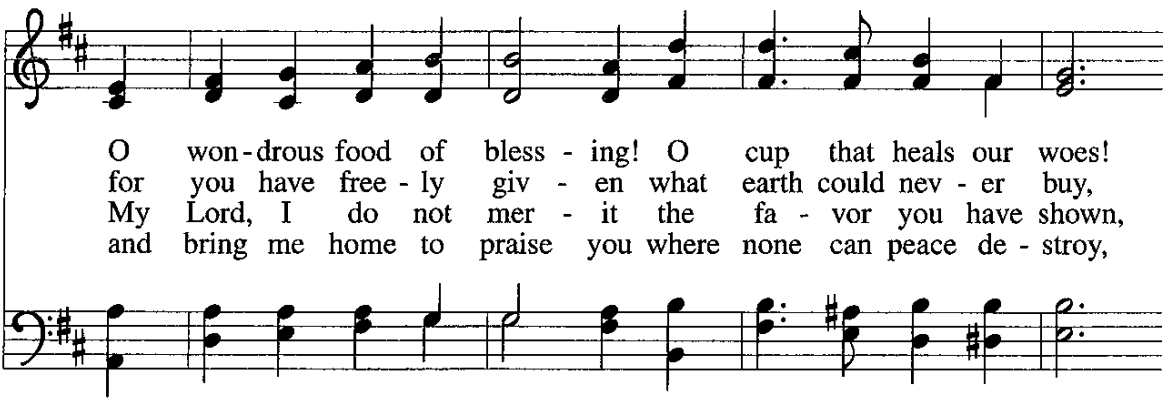
O Living Bread from Heaven



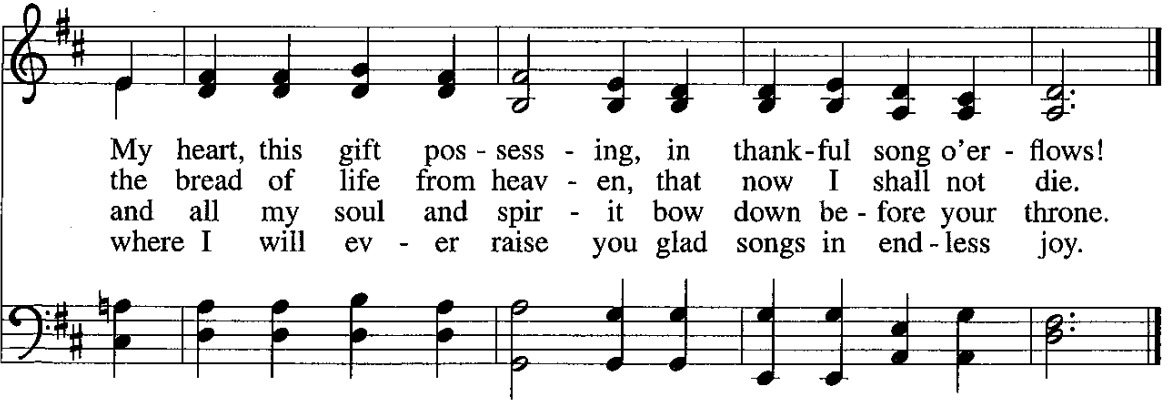
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

CLOSING

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Presiding Pastor: Dr. G. Scott Cady

Adrienne Weik: music director

Steve DiStefano and the Weingart Family: broadcasting engineers

Thank you to the assisting minister and the soloist

and to all the ushers helping out today

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott
Francine Ahrens
Pat Alexander
Vinnie Aparo
Edie Balkun
Mark Barkasy, Sr.
Raymond Bazzolo
Judith (Ross) Beatty
Kevin Belkofer & Family
Gaye Belli
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Richard Bertoli
Gurvinder Bharara
Armando Binelli
Brian & Lisa Bodnar
Joe Brancato
George Bruno
Karla Brusseau & Family
Eddie Burns
Theo & Victoria Camara
Peter Carbone, Sr.
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrhne
Wayne Crossman
Sigrid Devita
Melissa Dias
Doris & Dutch Deitman
Gerard Doll
Betsy Durstin
Diane & Paul Edwards
Judy Elliott
Carl Falcone
Bruce & Liz Falls
Barbra Fletcher
Ed Ford
Mary Lynn Gagnon
Bob & Ann Gioscia
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Connie & Don Gugenheim
Wayne Hall
Owen Hanecak
Erica Haraldsen
Alexis Heintz
Bill Heintz
David Hilton
Jim Hornfischer
Vicki Jene
Jenn Johnson & Family
Bob Jones
Ed Killingbeck
Lynn Killingbeck
Rick and Christa Kozik
Burke LaClair
Jeff Lajoie and family
Lori Ledone & family

Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Judy Ludwig
Rita Lundeen
Ida Mallet
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Bob & Lynn Milano
Barbara Miller
Lonnie & Rose Moranino
Richard Mortlock
Carolyn Mosher
Doris Murphy
Erin Murray
Michael Meyers
Joyce Nalette
Ron Nurnberg
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Cindy O'Dell
Louis Pagano
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Marge Raspiller
Gladys Reil
Pat Reiley
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-
Blezard
Grant Robinson
Mary Rolfe
Elfrieda Roller
Chris Samele
Paul Samele, Jr.
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick
Rosemary Schibi
Gert Schlapfer
Jay Shaw
Tricia Sherwin
Bob Sienko
Marge Skaret
Richard Stanhope
Jon Sterling
John & Robin Thurlough
Ruth Torsiello
Reid Underwood
Cathy Winzler
Jean Marie Witt
Anna Woike

Helen
JO
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Janice
Diane
Jen
Charlie
Michelle
Jessica
Donna L.
Rich S.
Dustin
Skylar
Andrea
Kayleigh
Linda H.
Tom S.
Diane, Kayla, and family
Bob
Shannon H.
Karen M.
Ora
Sharon
Mason
Louis F.
Katherine T.
Joyce-Ann
Maryann Z.
Oslo S.
Diane
Jack
Max
Lisa
Erin and Family
Tom D.
Pam
Jack & Barbara
Lorraine
John W.
The Maxwell Family
The Loomis Family

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
John Feldmann
Elsie Santoro
Dee Gammon
Richard Regner

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Pvt. Brennan Thompson
Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Brion Olivero
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James
Ernst USCG
PFC Dominic Boscarino

If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.

CONFIRMANDS 2020



Christian George Braatz

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,”

Caroline Elizabeth Hogan

1 Corinthians 13:13

¹³ “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”

Nathaniel Sklyer Wesley

Proverbs 19:20, 27

²⁰ “Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

²⁷ Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.”