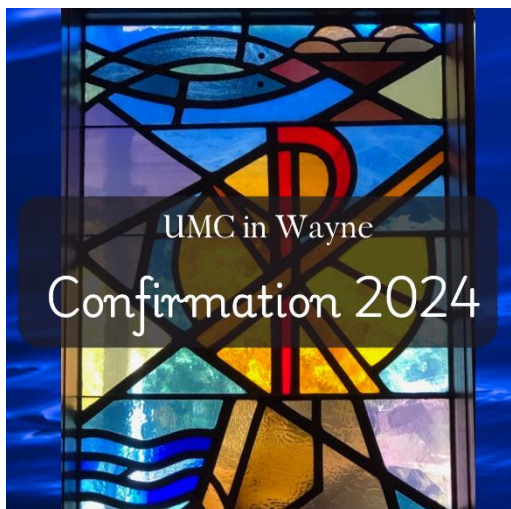


## A SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION



Beloved in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God gives us new birth through water and the Spirit, includes us in Christ's holy church, and makes us part of the salvation of the world.

So, we come to the water— Yes, everyone who thirsts! Come to the waters: water of new birth, poured out and flowing freely for all who will receive it; water of justice rolling down, water of righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; a spring of water in us gushing up to eternal life; the river of God for the healing of the world.

We come to this water because our souls thirst for you, O God, as in a dry and weary land.

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

On behalf of the United Methodist Church in Wayne I present:

Aidan Creamer for baptism and confirmation.

Shea Hill for confirmation

Kaydence Larsen for confirmation

We come to this water to baptize Aidan and to bathe him in your love for him.

And We come to this water as confirmands to renew our love as siblings in Christ, and to renew our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ.

### BAPTISMAL VOWS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

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?

**I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Aidan, Kaydence and Shea in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Spirit of God is among us. Let us pray.

Loving, life-giving God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth Creation.

You brought us to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea.

You gave us new birth through baptism into Christ, and gave us life that cannot die.

The river of God is full of water, the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the heart of God. We who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his life, born in the water of a womb;

we are baptized into his ministry, giving water to the thirsty,

washing the feet and sharing the tears of all who suffer;

and we are baptized into his death,

so that just as Christ was raised by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

Born of water and the Spirit, may we enter into the Realm of God as children of God, born not of human will, but of God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this water and bless the one who receives it, that claimed by your Word, nourished in your grace, washed from all sin and borne by your Spirit, they may live in freedom, trust and courage, sharing in the eternal life of Christ.

*Aidan, you are God's Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.*

*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **CONFIRMATION**

I present for confirmation:

Kaydence Larsen, Shea Hill, and Aidan Creamer

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

Aidan, Kaydence, Shea, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you will live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WAYNE**

Shea, Aidan, Kaydence, as members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

**I will.**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church in Wayne, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Kaydence, Shea, Aidan, may the God of all grace, who loves us, blesses us and calls us in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you will live in love and grace and peace.

## **STOLING THE CONFIRMANDS**

Everyone who takes the vows of confirmation is a minister. Stoles signify the yoke worn around the neck of an oxen by which oxen are guided. Jesus says to us, "Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves." (Matthew 11:29) Wearing a stole symbolizes our journey growing and maturing in our faith so that we become more and more like Jesus.

We invite the confirmands parents to place the stole on your confirmands.

Welcome, Aidan, Shea, and Kaydence, you are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, blessed with unique gifts, talents, abilities, and stories; all to be used to build God's kingdom. God has created you in Christ Jesus for good works. As you go out into the world, love one another and serve one another. Know that you are never alone; God is with you and for you and we, the congregation of the United Methodist Church in Wayne, are also with you every step of the way.