

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Claire and Victoria, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and of Community United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the mission and ministries of the church by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you now and evermore. **Amen.**

STOLING THE CONFIRMANDS

Parents, please stole your confirmands. If there are gifts or flowers, please give them to the confirmands now.

We welcome these now confirmed members of Community United Methodist Church!

CONGRATULATIONS!

CLAIRE BRANCH & VICTORIA HELDT



SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, help us to remember what we have learned through the confirmation process. Help us to live our lives according to the beliefs we proclaim and the vows that we affirm today. Strengthen our faith and help it to grow and mature. Inspire us to cherish the relationships we have built with You, our fellow confirmands, and all in the church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES, PARENTS, AND MENTORS

Messages from Mentors and Parents

Confirmands' Presentation of Faith Statement

RENUNCIATION OF SIN 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?

Claire & Victoria: I do.

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

Claire & Victoria: 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?

Claire & Victoria: I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

Claire & Victoria: I will.

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

Parents, Mentors & Congregation: We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include the persons before you in your care?

Parents, Mentors & Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Victoria and Claire 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.

CONFIRMATION

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Laying On of Hands

Claire, 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. Amen.

Victoria, 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. Amen.

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Christ's church exists as one throughout time and across denominational lines.

Will you live out your faith as a part of the body of Christ in connection with The United Methodist Church?

Claire & Victoria: I will.

Will you commit to worship, learn, and serve as a member of Community United Methodist Church making it your goal to grow into a mature disciple of Jesus Christ?

Claire & Victoria: I will.

Will you join with us on our mission to make disciples of Jesus far and near?

Claire & Victoria: I will.

Do you covenant to work for the fulfillment of God's vision for the church, faithfully participating in and building up our ministries by offering your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

Claire & Victoria: I do.

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.