



CONFIRMATION

MY FAITH BECOMES MY OWN



SERVICE
OF
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
&
WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, June 3, 2018



INTRODUCTION & STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Leader: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of Baptism.

PEOPLE: These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

Leader: Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptisms and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of this church and The Church Universal.

PEOPLE: We welcome here and commend them for their desire to be of service to Jesus Christ -using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Leader: We now invite before the witness and support of the community of faith those who wish to affirm their baptism by being confirmed. Braydon Noll, Malena Cybak & Lily Stuart; please come to the center of the chancel.

AFFIRMATION of INTENT

Pastor: Braydon, Malena & Lily, by your baptism you were made one with us in the Body of Christ, The Church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

PEOPLE: We give GOD thanks for each of you –your faith and giftings; and we celebrate your presence in this sacred assembly.

Pastor: And now, our dear young friends, Braydon, Malena & Lily, is it your desire to commit yourselves to participation in the life and mission of Jesus Christ -sharing regularly in the worship of GOD and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

CANDIDATES: *It is, with the help of GOD.*

Pastor: And do you, the People of GOD represented here at Richville United Church of Christ, do you commit yourselves to embrace these persons as friends and fellow laborers in The LORD's Kingdom?

PEOPLE: Through the Grace and Power of The Holy Spirit, and in the Love of Christ-Jesus, we do.

SHARING THEIR FAITH

Pastor: Having acknowledged our mutual commitments to Christ and one another, let us now hear from these persons their own understandings of the faith...

LITTANY OF COMMITMENT

Pastor: As evidenced by their professions, these children of the congregation have been nurtured in The Way and faith of Jesus; and so we now seek to consecrate their commitment and extend the rights and responsibilities of membership to them as full-participants in the life of this local family of faith and in the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world and across the ages.

Therefore, I ask of our candidates for Confirmation...

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Let us now join our voices in turning to The LORD on behalf of our newest members.

ALL: We rejoice, O GOD, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to the fullness of life. We give thanks for their affirmations and ask that YOU would keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. AMEN!

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

Pastor: Let us, the members and friends of Richville United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ...

PEOPLE: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in GOD's Knowledge and Love and be witnesses of our Risen Savior.



ANOINTING & LAYING ON OF HANDS

(At this time, all those who are able to do so comfortably are invited to rise and approach the chancel. Place a hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you until all are connected to either a confirmand or another member of the worshipping body. Those wishing to remain seated may grasp hands with a neighbor or raise their hand toward the chancel as a symbol of our shared prayer of blessing and unity in Christ)

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS



CONGRATULATIONS:

Braydon Noll, Malena Cybak & Lily Stuart!