



May 03, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday

Gathering *(You are invited to use time for quiet meditation as we prepare for Worship.)*

PRELUDE "Spirit Song" arr. John Carter

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PEACE

*Opening Hymn: "O Church of God, United" (1-3) Red Hymnal #547

CALL TO WORSHIP: Be seated, Rom. 11:33

How great are the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable are his ways!

Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been his counselor? **Who has ever given a gift to him to receive a gift in return?**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever.

We will praise thee, O Lord with all our heart.

PRAYER (unison)

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you alone are risen. Open our hearts to the mystery of your living presence. Create in us the heart that longs for you O Lord, make our laughter and tears our prayers, our doubts the clay from which we shape our faith and our fears that lead us into greater understanding, In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's and youth time

*Hymn: "I Surrender All" (1,2 &4) Red Hymnal #354

THE WORD:

Gospel: John 15:1-8(Pg1313)

Leader: *The gospel of our Lord Jesus*

People: *Praise be to you O Christ!*

Special Music: "Love Ye The Lord" G.F. Handel, arr. Heinrich Kiehl
Sermon: "Joy of Fruit-bearing in Jesus" Pastor Harsha

Hymn: "Spirit Song" Red hymnal #347

CONFIRMATION

(Aryanah Visintainer, Hollie Smith)

Pastor Addresses the Congregation:

Will you as Christ's body, accept these children into your fellowship and strengthen them in their faith journey?

We joyfully welcome you to walk with us in faith to serve and witness to Jesus Christ at the South Milwaukee United Methodist Church. We pray that God may help us to grow and become true disciples of Jesus Christ and rejoice in God's blessings.

Confession of faith

Blessings

Unveiling the Flames

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION Pg.15

Offerings- *(offering can be made by the Communion rail)*

***Doxology:** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Red Hymnal #94

Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God - you have given us grace upon grace, you have freed us from the bondage of sin and granted us the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Bless us as we make our offerings to you, Amen.

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" Red Hymnal #369

Benediction

Pastor Harsha

POSTLUDE

"Sing Praises!"

David Paxton

Please take a moment to stay and listen to the Postlude.

**Indicates to stand (those who are able)*

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All are welcome to join us for a coffee fellowship in the donut room after the service – follow the crowd..

THANK YOU TO:

Chief Ushers: Jim & John Gentil

Greeters: Robert, Cindy, Robert & Zach Alexander

Acolytes: Stephen Simuncak

Altar flowers are in honor of John & Diane Haslam's 47 anniversary.

Congratulations!

Bulletins for last week were from Len & Annette Cizmowski in honor of their granddaughter, Andersons' 21st birthday

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