

# WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Youth Sunday, when members of the 2019 Confirmation Class lead the congregation in worship. Since September, these students have met together after church for lunch, discussion, Bible Study, singing and fun. They have been preparing today’s service since the beginning of the month. Each year, in an important part of Confirmation, confirmands are asked to describe their understanding of God, faith and the church in a Statement of Faith. While many of them approach such an assignment with understandable trepidation, each of them expressed a joy and fulfillment in articulating where they stood in their faith journey. Here are a few excerpts from Statements of Faith from this year’s class.

## *On the Understanding of God;*

...Now, because of what I’ve learned in Confirmation class and learning from others in the church, I see God as someone who wants everyone to be good. He gives everyone unlimited chances to be good by forgiving people time after time again. In my eyes, I see God as the only person who is undeniably good. No one else can reach his level of goodness, but He is so selfless that He does everything He can to try to make other people reach his level. God knows that I care about those around me and that I try to be the best version of myself that I can. – *Lucille H. Ley*

## *On the Creative Expression of Worship;*

I wrote a new verse to the hymn Amazing Grace:

*Amazing Grace*

*Your peace I feel*

*Whenever I need you here,*

*Your presence is*

*Felt in my heart*

*And lasts throughout the year.*

– *Charlotte G. Henderson*

## *On The Importance of Confirmation Class;*

Definitely the sing-alongs of “Reckless Love” because it’s become a sentiment of our little community of confirmands. It’s such an incredible experience because we’ve all gotten so close this year and it’s just this feeling of pure joy in God and in each other.

–*Phoebe C.S. McCormack*

The most important aspect of Confirmation for me is finding yourself throughout the year. Learning more about God helped me figure out more about who I am as a person. I can’t exactly put it into words but I believe that learning about God has helped me find the good parts of life, not the bad. – *Leah C. Lee*

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
F. LeMoyné Page from his family.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER is the Rev. Adam D. Gorman.

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## MINISTERS

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The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*  
The Rev. Douglas T. King, *Senior Associate Minister*  
The Revs. Rebekah McLeod Hutto & Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Ministers*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Hannah F. Allred, Brian K. Ballard, Joshua H. Narcisse, *Student Ministers*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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Keith S. Tóth, *Minister of Music and Organist*  
Amanda Page Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*  
Meg Cutting, *Wilson Family Yale Sacred Music Intern*

## USHERS

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*Officer-in-Charge:* Kent McKamy; *Team Captain:* Christopher L. Allen; Townsend Baldwin, John J. Batten III, David Berkman, Horace I. Crary, Jr., Helen T. W. Elmiger, Kevin R. Greene, Charles C. Higgins, Michael F. Magsig, Christopher M. Mason, Paul F. Mercurio, Jennifer D. Morton, Christopher L. Randall, Petra S. Schmidt, John W. Steen II.

## GREETERS

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*Leader:* Gail P. Crutchfield; Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Sean P. Breen, Ronald A. Brown, Theodore D. Clement, Diana C. Clement, Marilyn T. Dikkers, Jonas M. Kumpitch, Kirsten W. Morgan, Margaret E. Pennoyer, Elizabeth P. Philipp, Mario J. Verdolini Jr.

## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

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Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle.*

## SESSION

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Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session.*

## DEACONS

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Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Paige M. Cali, Christopher A. Carroll, Blythe G. Chace (*Youth Deacon*), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Helen T. W. Elmiger, Joseph A. Galloway, William J. Gambrell, Jeffrey B. Gower, Christopher W. Hamilton, Kate S. Hrobsky, Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, M. Paige Rustum, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

## TRUSTEES

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Charles S. Anderson, Kenneth W. Austin, Patrick D. Barrett, Erik M. W. Caspersen, Kevin R. Greene, Linda B. Gridley, Timothy D. Haskin, Helen M. Lynch, Valerie S. Mason, *Secretary*, Richard A. Miller, *President*, Drucilla A. Richards, Willis G. Ryckman IV, Louisa J. Palmer, *Treasurer.*



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

# Second Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

**WELCOME** The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

**AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

**VISITORS**, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY**  
Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

“River Flows in You”  
Charlotte G. Henderson, *piano*

*Yiruma*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION

*Ryman H. Smith*

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Elder Christopher M. Mason*  
“Thanking Student Minister Brian K. Ballard”

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Colin H. L. Clark*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Hallelujah!**

## \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104

*Hymn to Joy*  
“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Folk Hymn*  
*Leah C. Lee, \*David R. Bedard, guitar*

<b>Our Father</b>	<b>Give us this day</b>	<b>But deliver us from evil</b>
<b>Who art in heaven</b>	<b>Our daily bread</b>	<b>For Thine is</b>
<b>Hallowed be Thy name</b>	<b>And forgive our debts</b>	<b>The kingdom</b>
<b>Thy kingdom come</b>	<b>And debtors</b>	<b>The Power and the Glory</b>
<b>Thy will be done</b>	<b>And lead us not</b>	<b>Forever</b>
<b>On Earth as it is in heaven</b>	<b>Into temptation</b>	<b>And ever, Amen.</b>

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lucelia H. Miller*  
**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Where regret is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## KYRIE 572

*John Merbecke (c. 1510-1585)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Elizabeth F. Stearns*

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 113, verse 4)*

*Llanfair*

**Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**  
**Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!**  
**Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!**  
**Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!**

## ANTHEM

*F. J. Haydn, arr. P. M. Liebergen*

“Gloria”  
Gloria in Excelsis Deo.  
Camila R. Taylor, *soloist*  
Kai Soto Sergeant, Colin H. L. Clark, Phoebe C. S. McCormack, Elizabeth F. Stearns, *singers*  
Grace Sarno, *piano*

*Following the anthem, all children are invited to  
come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.*

# THE WORD

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Camila R. Taylor and Elena A. Stearns*

## \* HYMN 210

*St. Anne*

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Charlotte G. Henderson*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *(Pew Bible, page 616 O.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## \* HYMN *(from the Glory to God Hymnal)*

*Promise*

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Virginia J. Minard, *violin*

## SERMONS

Michael J. Appleby  
Lucille M. Ley  
Phoebe C. S. McCormack  
Virginia J. Minard

# THE RESPONSE

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

*S. Reed Huneke*

*(The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.100 - reworded)*

**The assurance true believers have of their salvation may be shaken, lessened, or interrupted for various reasons: from neglecting to preserve it; from committing some particular sin, which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit; from some sudden or strong temptation; or from God’s withdrawing the sense of his presence and allowing them to walk in darkness. Nevertheless, they are never completely without God’s seed, the life of faith, the love of Christ and of other believers, and the sincere heart and obedient conscience, out of which the Spirit may revive this assurance in due time and by which they are in the meantime kept from complete despair.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI 579

*Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

*Mark E. Tillinghast Jr.*

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*America*

**Not for this land alone,**  
**But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;**  
**And may the nations see that we must loving be,**  
**And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

## \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Samuel G. Smith*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson*

“Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights till I’m found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn’t earn it, and I don’t deserve it, still You give Yourself away. When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. There’s no shadow You won’t light up, mountain You won’t climb up, coming after me. There’s no wall You won’t kick down, lie You won’t tear down, coming after me.

The Confirmation Class

Kai Soto Sergeant, *drums*

## \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Mary R. Wood*

# THE SENDING

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 420

*Cwm Rhondda*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

## BENEDICTION

*Kai Soto Sergeant*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, Ran Jackson*

“Reckless Love” (Refrain)

\*David R. Bedard, *Music Leader for TakeOut and Day School Teacher*

\*Amanda P. Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*

## ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

*Following the choral response, all members of The Brick Presbyterian Church are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the Annual Meetings.*