

CONFIRMATION

Retreat



APRIL 25-26, 2026

Welcome to Confirmation Class

Confirm Series: Unit 6 Confirmation Retreat

As we wait to begin, take a moment to review our goals and expectations for this weekend:

Retreat Goals

As a result of this retreat, I will be able to...



- Articulate a personal faith statement using your own words.
- Identify ways to live out the United Methodist baptismal vows in daily life.
- Discern and reflect on your readiness for confirmation.

Class Expectations



- WORK HARD
- BE KIND

For Fun!



Be ready to share:

- Put the following in order of how much you like each restaurant (most to least)...
- *Guzman y Gomez*
- *Chipotle*
- *Café Zupas*
- *Domino's*

Unit 6: Our Faith and Calling

Our faith and the living out of our faith are intricately linked. James 2:17 says, “In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn’t result in faithful activity.” Living out our faith clarifies our calling and strengthens our relationship with God. As our relationship with God grows, and we better understand our calling, our faith becomes even deeper. We cannot fully understand either faith or calling without the other.

This unit will challenge you to put together all you have been learning during Confirmation and articulate what you believe in your own words. You will be pushed to take seriously your faith and discipleship through a realistic examination of The United Methodist baptismal vows and the living out of those vows within the life of the congregation.

Ultimately, you will have to decide for yourself if being confirmed in The United Methodist Church is a calling you are willing and able to accept.

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Lesson 33:

A Faith to Decide


You Decide

EAT BANANAS WITH PEANUT BUTTER	EAT CELERY WITH PEANUT BUTTER
BE AS TINY AS A STAMP	BE AS BIG AS A SKYSCRAPER
BE IN A BIG GROUP OF PEOPLE	BE BY YOURSELF
SIT ON THE BENCH	SIT IN THE STANDS
BE SUPER SMART	BE SUPER RICH
SIT IN THE FIRST PEW	SIT IN THE LAST PEW
BE HUNGRY	BE THIRSTY
BE IN TOTAL DARKNESS	BE IN BLINDING LIGHT

- Would You Rather/You Decide
 - Have students first secretly answer questions on **page 2 of their packet** by circling their answer.
- When making decisions in real life, how much do you think about the opinion of others? How much does it influence you?
- Making decisions is a part of everyday life. Some decisions we make without much thought such as oatmeal or cereal for breakfast.
 - Others may require more than and intentionality, such as how to respond to a bully at school.
 - Rarely do everyday decisions hold life-changing consequences in the balance.
- The decision to follow Christ is both a major life-changing decision and an everyday decision.
 - Our initial “I will follow” response to Christ becomes the foundation upon which all other decisions are built.
 - That first “yes” is the driving force behind who we are and will be and how we will interact with the world.
- Part of this packet is intended to help you consider what following Christ looks like for you both in the life-changing and day-to-day ways.
 - We will explore the decision-making process of several of Jesus’s disciples and the implications those decisions had for their lives.

Peter	Thomas	John
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Which Way Did He Go?



- Your decision to be confirmed or follow Christ isn't simply about behaving a certain way, knowing the right things, or meeting a certain set of expectations.
- As we walk through these last stages of confirmation, we hope you will come to understand better that deciding to follow Christ is a journey of experiencing God's grace, hope, and love in unimaginable ways.
 - And we hope that you will decide to follow Christ and become an agent of God's grace, hope, and love in unimaginable ways.
- Our first step on this part of the journey is to look at the lives the three different disciples and their decisions to follow Jesus.
 - Hopefully, this will help you to have a better understanding of the variety of decisions people are confronted with when choosing to follow Jesus.
- You will read about incidences where each of these disciples had a decision to make.
 - Then answer the biography questions to make a profile of your disciple. **(page 3 of their packet)**



- Think to yourself:
 - What can we learn from these three disciples about deciding to follow Jesus?
 - In what ways was it easier for the disciples to follow Jesus than it is for us?
 - In what ways is it easier for us to follow Jesus than it was for the disciples?
- There were multiple points in each of these disciples' lives when they had to make a decision to follow Jesus.
 - Sometimes it seemed like it was easy for them to say, "Yes, I will follow"—they just dropped everything and left.
 - Other times, it was not so clear, because saying "yes" would put their very lives at stake.
 - Each of these men must have experienced a variety of emotions as they said yes to being a disciple of Jesus Christ.
 - We began our journey together taking considerable time to examine our feelings as we started this decision-making process.

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Lesson 34:

A Faith to Confirm

Romans 10:9–13 (NRSV)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says,
“No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

2 Corinthians 4:13–14 (NRSV)

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—
“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence.

Philippians 3:7–14 (NRSV)

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ.
I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:7–16 (NRSV)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**
God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. **God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**



John 4:39–42 (NRSV)

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, **“He told me everything I have ever done.”**
So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, **“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”**

- Each of you received a Scripture in your packet. (**page 4 in your packet**)
 - Read your Scripture and write a summary that is less than 140 characters (letters and spaces), like a ‘tweet’ on X.
 - Use the questions at the top of your page as a guide to writing your tweet.
 - Write your final tweet on your poster to share with the group.
- Think:
 - How can condensing as many as 10 verses of Scripture into 140 characters be helpful in professing your faith?
 - Can you think of any problems that condensing 10 verses of Scripture into 140 characters might cause?

Wesley encouraged fellow believers to:

1. Do no harm by avoiding evil
2. Do good
3. Constantly connect with God



- As you approach Confirmation, we will take some time to explore the professions that you will be asked to make and the ramifications of that profession of faith in your life.
 - With the help of John Wesley, you will see that there are a variety of ways to proclaim Christ's Lordship and you will be encouraged that God's grace covers us when we fall short on keeping our end of the promise to sin, its impact on self and others, and how love serves as the arrow to hit God's "target" of grace.
- Professing faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior is the foundation for a journey with God.
 - However, making that profession and understanding what you are saying you believe can be confusing.
 - Even our founder, John Wesley, had a hard time professing his faith.
 - But, by finding assurance in God's love for him, Wesley gained the confidence to help others grow in their love of God by setting some guiding principles (later called rules) for them to follow.
- Wesley encouraged fellow believers to:
 - Do no harm by avoiding evil
 - Do good
 - Constantly connect with God

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

- By responding “I do” to this vow, you are admitting that there are people, places, and activities that keep you from loving God and your neighbor and that cause you to sin. You are accepting responsibility to turn away from, and not engage in, these things anymore.

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

- By responding “I do” to this vow, you are recognizing that God gives you a choice to be in a relationship with God and fellow believers. You are promising to willingly walk away from any person, place, thing, or system that separates you from God or does harm to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

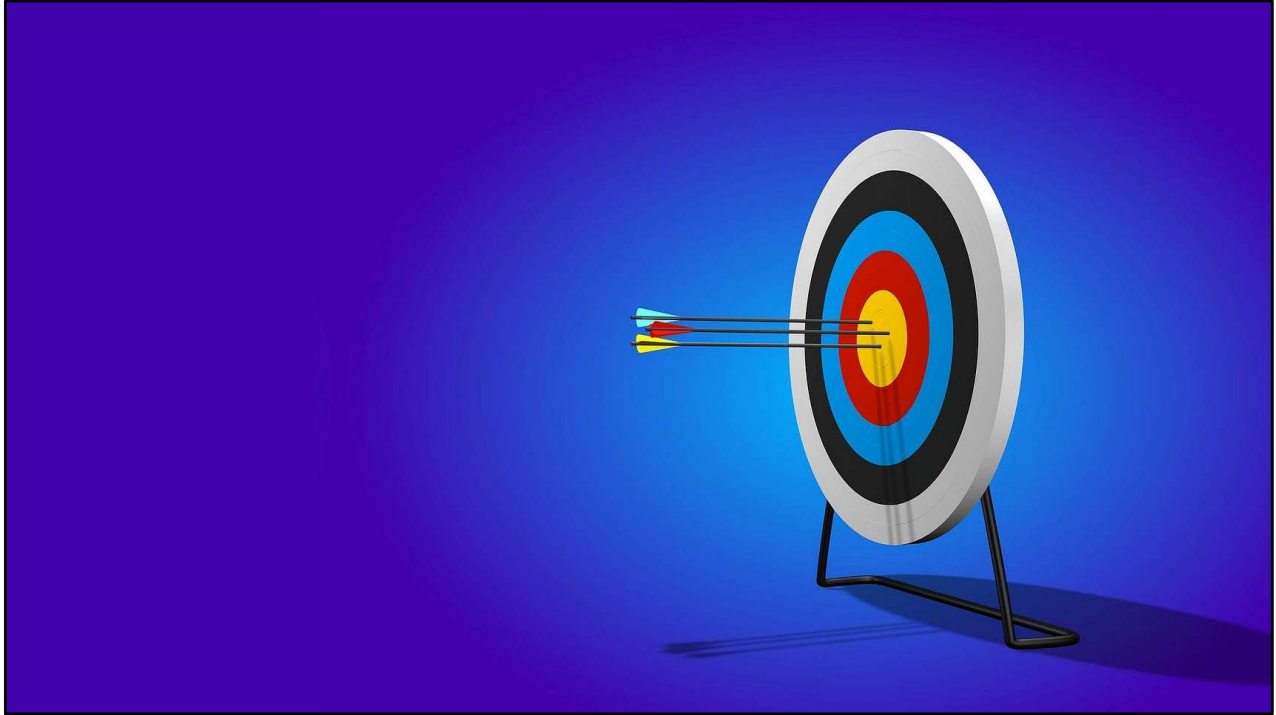
3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

- By responding “I do” to this vow, you are confessing that you believe Jesus is the Son of God, came to earth to die for your sins, and by his death and resurrection, has shown his love for you and forgiven your sins. You are promising to let Jesus determine how you live your life.

- If you choose to be confirmed, Pastor James will ask you these three very important membership questions.
 - These questions are basic guidelines to claiming that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.
 - If you choose to answer “I do” to each of these questions, then you are choosing to accept responsibility for your own faith.

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Lesson 35: A Faith to Live



- Now we will explore Wesley’s understanding of Christian perfection as it relates to living a life of following Jesus.
- Think to yourself:
 - Do you think perfection is something that can be achieved? Why?
 - Why is perfection so enticing to some people?
 - What are people willing to do, or be, or give up to strive for perfection?
- John Wesley thought and taught that Christian perfection was attainable.
 - Seems kind of a daunting task for humans to be perfect!
 - Wesley believed that the journey to Christian perfection was a lifelong journey.
 - It was a process by which human beings could become more like Christ.
 - Wesley didn’t just say we should be “going towards perfection”; he also gave people directions to grow toward Christian perfection.
 - He called these directions “means of grace.”
- There are two categories of means of grace:
 - Works of piety: Things we do that help us personally connect with God and prepare us to be God in this world
 - Works of mercy: Things we do for others to let the world see God living in us
- You can’t do works of mercy without doing works of piety, and there is no point in

doing works of piety if you're not going to follow it up with works of mercy.

- Let's sort the following works into works of piety or works of mercy.
 - There are two signs hanging up.
 - Each of you have post-it notes with works on them.
 - Place your stickies where you think they belong.
 - Go through each poster to see if any should be moved or if any require further explanation.
 - Once you feel the lists are done, have the confirmands write these in their packet (**page 5 in your packet**)
- The journey to Christian perfection should not be understood as a way to make yourself better than others, or as an attempt to earn your way into heaven.
 - We do not engage in the means of grace to prove to others how holy we are.
 - This journey to Christian perfectionism is a response to love that is given to you from God through Jesus's death and resurrection.
 - It is how believers act on the grace that God gives us freely.
 - It is how believers say to Jesus, "I see and accept the sacrifice you made for me, and I'm going to constantly work on my life to make it look more like yours."

“The loving [of] God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. This implies that no wrong temper, none contrary to love, remains in the soul; and that all the thoughts, words, and actions are governed by pure love.”



- Now star the 3 works of mercy and piety that you think are most important in your packet (**page 5 in your packet**)
- Think to yourself:
 - Looking at where the star stickers are, are there any patterns, similarities, differences? Why?
 - Do you want to explain why you chose any of your three works? What makes them more important than others?
 - Do you find that acts of piety or acts of mercy are more common/easier/harder? Why?
 - Do you know anyone who does all of these acts perfectly? Why/why not?
- In a writing that took several years to compile, John Wesley answers the question “What is Christian perfection?” in this way...”The loving [of] God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. This implies that no wrong temper, none contrary to love, remains in the soul; and that all the thoughts, words, and actions are governed by pure love. “ For Wesley, being a “perfect Christian” mean fully loving God and your neighbor. Wesley didn’t come up with this on his own—this was a teaching that had been part of the Hebrew tradition, which Jesus Christ drew and expanded upon.

Deuteronomy 6:4–6 (NRSV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**Matthew 22:36–40 (NRSV)**

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

- After reading the two Scriptures, think to yourself:
 - How did Jesus modify the Great Commandment in Deuteronomy to the Greatest Commandment in Matthew?
 - Look at that list of works of piety—how can these actions or practices help you “love the Lord with all your heart, all your being, and all your mind”?
 - Look at that list of works of mercy—how can these actions and practices help you to “love your neighbor”?
 - How could structuring our lives around these means of grace eventually lead us to living a life guided by pure love, also known as a “perfect life”?
- The journey to Christian perfection should not be understood as a way to make yourself better than others, or as an attempt to earn your way into heaven.
 - We do not engage in the means of grace to prove to others how holy we are.
 - This journey to Christian perfectionism is a response to love that is given to you from God through Jesus’s death and resurrection.
 - It is how believers act on the grace that God gives us freely.
 - It is how believers say to Jesus, “I see and accept the sacrifice you made for me, and I’m going to constantly work on my life to make it look more like yours.”

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Lesson 36:

A Call to Follow

God Calling...

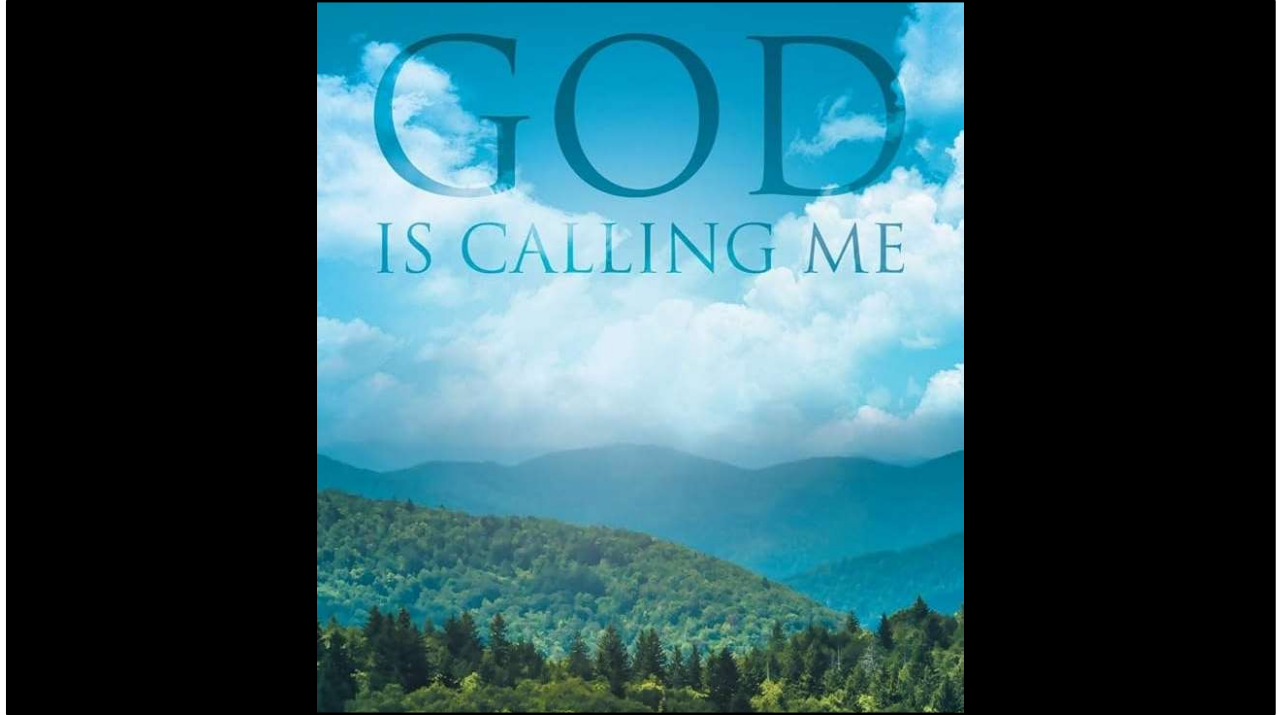


Decline



Accept

- Being called by God is a unique and critical portion of every Christian's journey.
 - When Christ asks, "Will you follow me?" and you say yes, then Christ responds, "Here's how..."
 - We can go astray on our journey when we take our eyes off God or ignore God's call.
 - Exploring God's calling is an important part of accepting faith for oneself.
- This part of the day will help you to know that God calls each person to work for God in special and specific ways.
 - Sometimes the call is exciting and fun, sometimes the call is challenging and outside our comfort zone, but whatever the call, we are responsible for following it.
 - To sense the calling that God has for our lives, we often have to listen and focus beyond the distractions around us.
 - We have to slow down and pay attention to the ways in which God is revealing our purpose in and around us.



- As we are all trying to live out God’s general call of following the ways of Jesus, we must also be aware of how to recognize God’s specific call for us.
- Discerning if God’s call is for a moment, season, or a long period of your life and takes practice and time.
- The Bible gives us several examples, like Saul, of God having to use dramatic means to help people discern, or recognize their calling.
- Your discernment may come by being blinded by light or hearing an audible voice.
- However, you may also recognize the call as a feeling that leads you to somewhere you did not intend to go.
- God’s call often is a specific “sense” we get, one that is usually confirmed in several different ways.
- You may get a stirring inside for a specific cause; you may get a sense of direction from a conversation with a mentor; or you may find something in reading the Scriptures that stays with you.
- This may seem a bit mystical and vague, but when we talk about our spiritual experiences, often they seem to be just beyond the words we use to describe them.
- **ASK THE CONFIRMANTS:**
 - Have you ever “sensed” or experienced God? How?
 - In what ways does God call people? How might God call people to things that seem ordinary?

Step 1—Skills
LIST THE THINGS THAT YOU ARE GOOD AT

Step 2—Excuses
LIST ANY EXCUSES YOU HAVE USED OR CAN THINK OF FOR NOT USING YOUR SKILLS

Step 3—Confirmation
LIST PEOPLE WHO ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

Step 4—Desire
LIST THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY

Step 5—Opportunity
LIST WAYS THAT YOU COULD USE YOUR SKILLS AND PASSIONS FOR GOD



- If you have never experienced a call from God, or are uncertain if you have, that is completely reasonable.
- We're going to spend a few minutes now exploring how we can become more attuned to God's calling.
- I would remind you the importance of the means of grace, which we talked about earlier, as a wonderful way to help you begin to sense God's calling.
- There are some components of a call that might be particularly helpful for you to know as you are figuring out when, if, and how God is calling you.
- We'll explore them as steps, though they may not always happen sequentially.
- Answer the following prompts in your packet. (**page 6 in their packet**)
 - *Step 1—Skills:*
 - There are things that you are both naturally good at and that you develop over time. Right now, you might be naturally good at making friends, and this could develop over time into you being able to coordinate large groups of people to do a specific task. God's call is going to use the skills that you already have or that you have that can be improved. If you are tone deaf, then God's not going to call you to lead a rock band; you don't have the skill necessary for that call.
 - **NOW LIST THE THINGS THAT YOU ARE GOOD AT**
 - *Step 2—Excuses:*

- Once you've figured out some of your skills, you may be inclined to come up with excuses to prove that God is not calling you to use those skills for God's purpose. You will always be able to come up with reasons why you don't want to do something. Excuses are the first line distractions that keep us from following God's instructions.
- **NOW LIST ANY EXCUSES YOU HAVE USED OR CAN THINK OF FOR NOT USING YOUR SKILLS**
- *Step 3—Confirmation:*
 - God's not just going to speak to you about your calling, God's also going to use the people around you to motivate you. God will open other people's eyes to your skills and put them in your life to help direct you.
 - **NOW LIST PEOPLE WHO ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS**
- *Step 4—Desire:*
 - There may be skills people tell you that you're good at, but those skills bring you nothing but dread. God's calling is not one of dread. God won't call you to be a doctor if you faint at the sight of blood. God's call will be challenging, but at the end of the challenges, you will have an overwhelming sense of joy in your calling.
 - **NOW LIST THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY**
- *Step 5—Opportunity:*
 - You will have chance after chance to use your skills for God's purpose. Even when you walk away from the chance, God will wind a way to give you another one. God may be calling you to read Scripture in worship, but you ignore the email or the request but you may finally respond when you get a personalized text asking for your help.
 - **NOW LIST WAYS THAT YOU COULD USE YOUR SKILLS AND PASSIONS FOR GOD**

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Lesson 37: A Spirit to Find



- We have been talking about our calling and that God calls us to use our skills for God’s purposes.
- Our skills or talents are the things that we are good at that help us connect to the world we live in.
- Spiritual gifts are not that different, but they serve a different purpose.
- Our spiritual gifts are the special skills we have that help us connect God to the world around us.
- The distinction between the two is a little fuzzy.
- Let’s watch this video to think more about our spiritual gifts.
 - Watch: Lesson 37’s video: A Spirit to Find on Amplify (4m)
 - <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/23051-confirm/23054-confirm/61044-unit-6-a-spirit-to-find>
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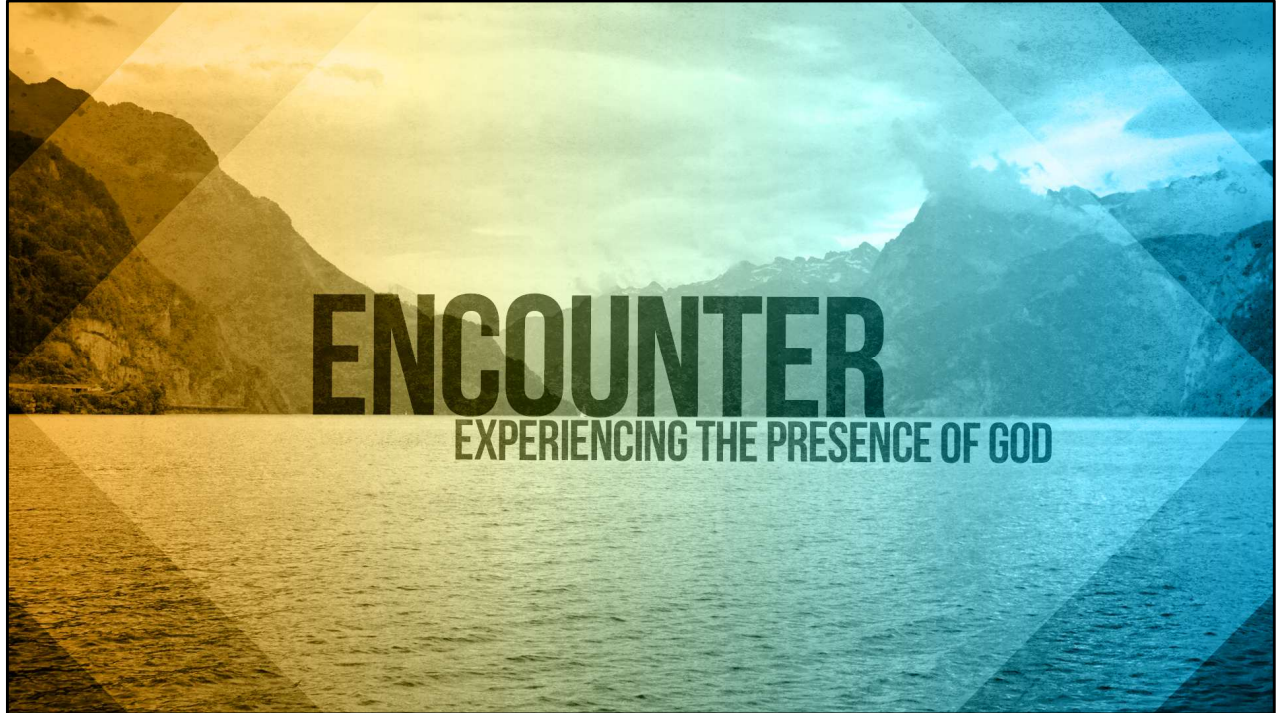
- One challenge many Christians face is knowing how to live out their faith.
- Discovering and using your spiritual gifts is a powerful way to do just that.
- As you prepare to say “yes” to following Christ, it's important to understand that God created you for service in the world.
- This lesson will help you explore your spiritual gifts and how they can be used in the church and beyond.
- Before you begin, take a moment to pray: **“God, we’re here to discover the gifts You’ve given us. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds. Help us be open, honest, and ready to learn. Guide our thoughts and our answers. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”**
 - [TAKE THE SURVEY]
 - Write their order of gifts in their packet (**page 6 in your packet**)
 - Share their lists as a group
- Think to yourself:
 - Are you surprised by your results? Why/why not?
 - Which spiritual gift did you expect to get? Why?

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Lesson 38: A Story to Tell



- A key component of the Christian journey is being able and willing to share your faith experiences with others.
- For many, this is one of the hardest parts of being a Christian and therefore one of the most neglected spiritual and evangelistic practices.
- The confirmation journey should be full of a multitude of opportunities for you to encounter God in a variety of ways.
- Being able to recognize that one has encountered God and being able to articulate those encounters are important skills for you to develop.
- In this session, you will be given the opportunity to reflect on what it is you have come to believe as a Christian through this journey.
- Have you ever been in a situation where you've had to ask the question, "What just happened here?"
 - Maybe you were in class and you zoned out for a bit and you leaned over to a friend to find out what you missed.
 - Maybe you were watching a sports event where you weren't familiar with the rules and you had to ask someone to clarify.
 - Or maybe you walked in to your family watching a movie you've never seen before and you need others to fill in the gaps of what is happening in the story and who the characters are.
 - Or maybe you were with a group of friends and something so amazing happened that you couldn't process the entire meaning of it and you needed to hear their perspective to totally understand what was going on.



- There are different things we can learn about our faith from sharing stories about where and how we encounter God.
- And sharing stories like this is important because you never know who you are talking to or what kind of story you're going to end up with at the end of the day.
- We learn from Jesus that God plays a significant role in the story of our lives.
- We also learn that as we share stories, God continues to be present and active in the world.
- Take time to write about a time in your life when you experienced/encountered God. (share afterwards—because telling their stories is an important component) (**page 7 in their packet**)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ROLES

At BOTH the 9:00 and 10:30 services

1. Words of Gathering= Aldrine
2. Opening Prayer= Ashlyn
3. Confirmation Witness= Martin
4. First Scripture= Elle
5. Second Scripture= Luke
6. Prayer of Intercession= Sofia
7. Revised Lord's Prayer= Julio
8. Offering= Kaitlyn

ALL scripts and details will be shared the week before the service.



**Mission Links help you
live out the beatitudes
and be a
blessing for projects
around the block and
around the world.**

Please see Kate to pick out the charity you would like Kingswood to donate to in your honor as part of your Confirmation gift from the church.

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Lesson 39:

A Journey to Continue

LIFE LONG FAITH JOURNEY



- We started this journey together with a survey about how we felt about confirmation.
- It's important for us to take a few minutes to see where we've come along this journey. (**page 8 in their packet**)

Group Affirmation

One: Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group.

Two: With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us.

One: He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace.

Two: He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

One: When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to you who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit.

Two: So now we are no longer strangers but rather, we are fellow citizens with God's people, and we belong to God's household.

One: As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord.

Two: Christ is building us into a place where God lives through the spirit.

- As we get closer to ending our time together as this confirmation community, it's important that we not only remember where we started, but also lift up and support one another in the changes we have seen.
- **Read:** Ephesians 2:14-22
 - Paul is affirming the great work of Jesus as he brought together people who were once separate strangers to create this great community of love and support.
 - Paul is also affirming the people who have accepted Jesus's invitation to be a part of this community and encouraging them to remember what was done for them and live a life according to that gift.
- Now, let's read the Group Affirmation from the Scripture we just read.

Cards for Teachers & Mentors

Thank you for sharing your time.

Thank you for being a part of my faith journey.

Thank you for praying for me as I get confirmed.

I appreciate you being one of my teachers.

I have enjoyed getting to know you.

Thank you for being one of the Confirmation teachers.

I am thankful for you because...



Please see Kate to sign the THANK YOU cards for the teachers and mentors.

Traditional Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

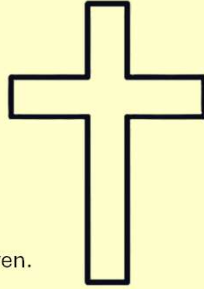
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.



Confirmation Sunday Version

God, Our Father in heaven,

Your name is holy.

When heaven comes,

Guide us in your name.

Provide us with our daily needs and meals.

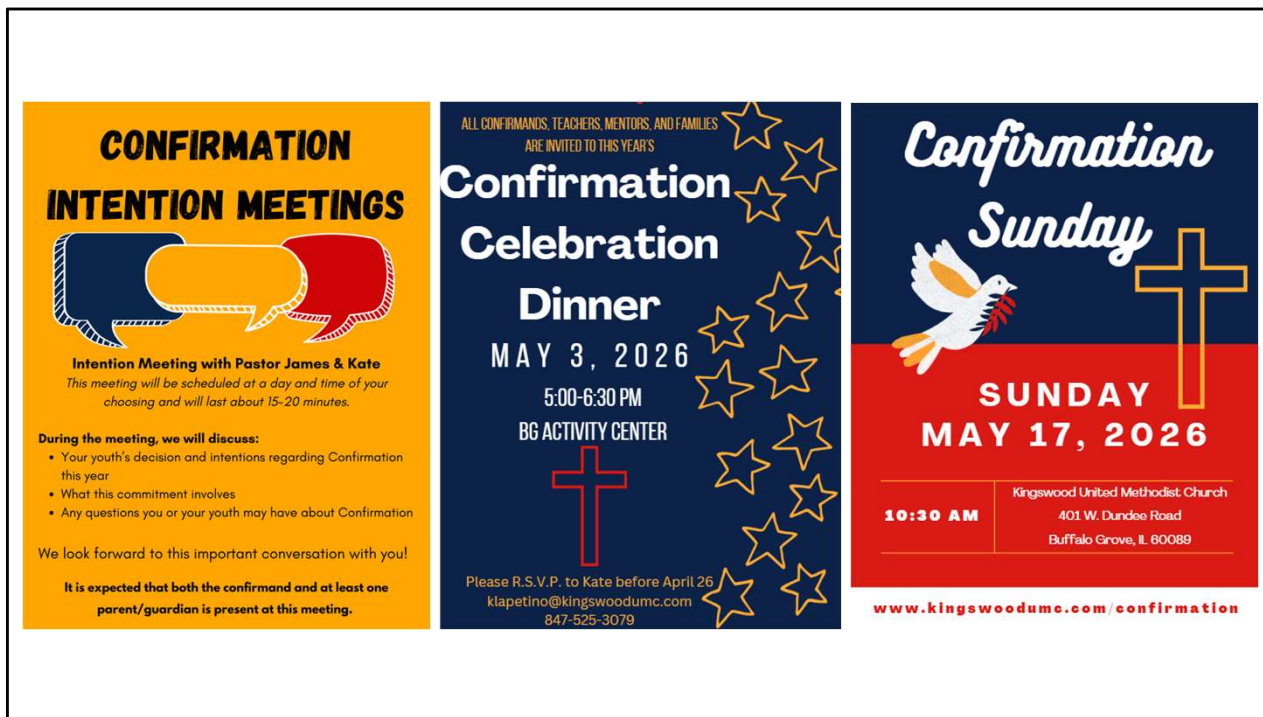
And forgive our sins and mistakes,

Lead us to forgive those who have wronged us.

Don't lead us into distraction and turn us away from doing
wrong.

Save us from evil.

For you will always be the holy one and almighty, the power
and glory in my life.
Amen.



- Let's go over what happens now...
- **Intention Meetings**
 - We will meet in the Youth Room at your assigned time. Please make sure your confirmand and at least one parent is present for this meeting.
 - April 30 at 5:00pm= Aldrine
 - April 30 at 6:00pm= Kaitlyn
 - April 30 at 7:00pm= Martin
 - May 3 at 3:00pm= Julio
 - May 6 at 4:00pm= Sofia
 - May 6 at 5:30pm= Luke
 - May 6 at 6:00pm= Ashlyn
 - May 9 at 9:00am= Elle
- **Sunday, May 3: Confirmation Dinner**
 - Dinner is at the BG campus Activity Center from 5-6:30
 - This is for all confirmands, teachers, mentors, and their families
 - What should I wear?
 - You don't need to dress up formally—no official pictures will be taken, but we will take a group picture at the end to mark the evening, so you will still want to look nice.
 - This night is a celebration of you, so aim for neat, casual attire that shows you're ready for a special evening.

Buffalo Grove Campus on Sunday, May 17

Confirmation Sunday Game Plan (at BOTH the 9:00 and 10:30 services)

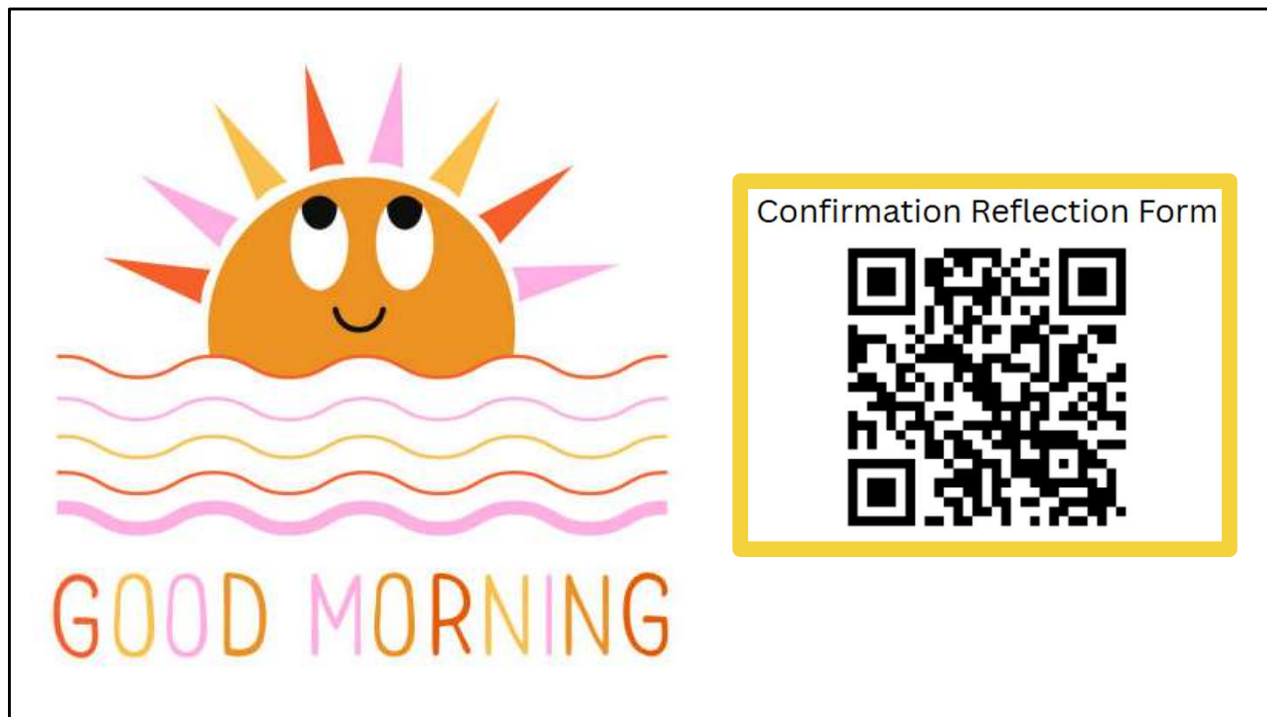
- **9:00 am service:** Confirmands will be recognized, they will not be confirmed at this time (friends and family are welcome, but they will most likely want to attend the 10:30 service for the full event)
- **10:00-10:30 reception:** Confirmands will stand in a greeting line in the Fireside room for the 9:00 congregation to welcome and congratulate them, treats will be served during the Coffee Fellowship time
- **10:30 am service:** Confirmands will be officially confirmed and become full members of the church (this is when you will probably want to invite friends and family)
- **11:30 reception:** Confirmands will stand in a greeting line in the Fireside room for the 10:30 congregation to welcome and congratulate them, treats will be served during the Coffee Fellowship time
- **11:45 wrap-up:** All Confirmands present will take a required group picture in the sanctuary followed by time for families to take pictures
- **12:00 finished:** All Confirmands will be free to leave and celebrate however they, and their families, wish

• **Sunday, May 17: Confirmation Sunday**

- *Confirmation Sunday Roles* (at BOTH the 9:00 and 10:30 services)
 - I will share the final scripts with everyone the week before the service
 - We will determine our roles at the Confirmation Retreat in a few weeks
- *Confirmation Sunday Game Plan* (at BOTH the 9:00 and 10:30 services)
 - What should I wear?
 - Please wear something nicer than your everyday clothes—think "Sunday best." You'll be in front of the church, taking pictures with your group and family, and celebrating an important step in your faith journey. Dress clothes like slacks, dress shirts, dresses, skirts, or dress shoes are all good choices. Aim to look a little more formal than usual to mark the special occasion. We will not have robes or anything going over your clothes.
 - **9:00 am service:** Confirmands will be recognized during the

service, they will *not* be confirmed at this time (friends and family are welcome, but they will most likely want to attend the 10:30 service for the full event)

- **10:00-10:30 reception:** Confirmands will stand in a greeting line in the Fireside room for the 9:00 congregation to welcome and congratulate them, treats will be served during the Coffee Fellowship time
 - **10:30 am service:** Confirmands will be officially confirmed and become full members of the church (this is when you will probably want to invite friends and family), immediate family and mentors will be invited forward to lay their hands on their confirmand during the service—additional family and friends will be asked to stand in their space to show their support
 - **11:30 reception:** Confirmands will stand in a greeting line in the Fireside room for the 10:30 congregation to welcome and congratulate them, treats will be served during the Coffee Fellowship time
 - **11:45 wrap-up:** All Confirmands will take a group picture in the sanctuary followed by time for families to take pictures
 - **After pictures:** All Confirmands will be free to leave and celebrate however your family wishes, please see Kate before leaving to make sure you have all of your items and gifts and to check out
- Confirmation Sunday: watch <https://www.kingswoodumc.com/media/f9b8mtp/10-30-am-online-worship-service> at the 15min mark



- **What are your next steps after confirmation?**
- **How will you continue to live out this covenant with Christ?**
- Please take this survey that has two parts—the first part are some basic facts we can share about you for Confirmation Sunday while the second part we need to you to be very thoughtful about and share your honest thoughts about this confirmation year—your feedback will help us to strengthen the program moving forward.