

**The Presbyterian Church of Palatine**  
**Confirmation Sunday / Communion Sunday**

May 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.

**We Prepare for God's Word**

*On the day you were born the angels sang and they blew their horns and they danced, they danced.*

*They smiled and raised up their hands on the day, on the day, you were born.*

*(from the recording Hello World)*

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Gathering the Week**      *Celebrate God ~ Grow in Christ ~ Extend the Spirit*

**\*Opening Hymn #106** (verses 1&2)      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from abbotsford.org.uk, Abbotsford Parish, Clydebank, Scotland)

Leader: How often are we told seeing is believing?

**People: Unless I see the wounds... unless I see the mark on the ballot paper... unless I see, I shall not believe.**

Leader: Yet with this journey to a place called Emmaus, hearts are moved in the sharing of the resurrection story. Faith is encouraged by the impossible rumor and in trusting what we dare to be true.

**People: Our eyes are opened to Jesus among us.**

Leader: Seeing is not believing. Believing is seeing.

**People: Today may we have Easter eyes to see Christ within us, among us, and between us.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn #106** (verses 3&4)      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, have mercy on us. You see our best and our worst, our enthusiasm and our waning, our courage and our cowardice, our cleverness and our stupidity. You see the love we have shared and the love we have withheld, the happiness we have spread and the pain we have caused. Knowing that we need your saving grace, please forgive us. For whatever is best for us, we hand ourselves over to you. We thank, praise and worship you for the wisdom of your ways, and the persistence of your saving mercies. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Song of Thanksgiving #78** (verse 1)      *There Is a Redeemer*  
*(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)*

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ** *(The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture of waving or a handshake.)*

**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

*No Greater Gift*

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**Children's Moment**

*(please sing as the children leave the chancel)*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your only Son as the word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading from the Gospel**

John 3: 25-30

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Communion Meditation**

Increasing Jesus

Rev. Watt

## We Respond to the Word of God

### The Service of Confirmation

*Alexandra Rose Baumgart, Jack Allen Benzo, Jessica Tamar Gul, Katherine Grace Haggett,  
Lizzie Johns, Josephine J. Mitz, Kara Corin Strickland, Hebron Taylor, Josie N. Trujillo*

### \*Hymn #56

*We Are Singing*

*(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)*

### The Celebration of The Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## We Take God's Word into the World

### \*Hymn of Commitment #525

*Here I Am, Lord*

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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### \*Please stand if you are able

Welcome to all who visit with us today! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!  
Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew  
and pass them to others.

*This Morning*

**Assisting in Worship:** Abby Mohaupt, Seminary Intern

**Ushers:** Kathy Winters (Head), Joe Brand, Lesley Brand, Bill Griffin

**Communion Servers:** Howard Huneke, Marge Pearson, Rupal Taylor, Kathy Winters