Those making affirmation kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The minister lays both hands on the head of the person and says:

- P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Mytchal Johnathon the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

- P Let us rejoice with our brother in Christ.
- C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession on page 10 of the bulletin. The confirmand and family members may return to their seats.



Service of Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, June 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Confirmand

Mytchal Johnathon Morrison

PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of the hymn of the day, those making affirmation, their parents, and sponsors gather with the ministers at the font.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this individual, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a representative of the congregation:

- R I present Mytchal Johnathon Morrison who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.
- P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this brother in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly stands to join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

- P People of God, do you promise to support Mytchal and pray for him in his life in Christ?
- C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.