



# Round Hill Community Church

Confirmation Sunday

November 29, 2020

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020:**

Caroline Breckenridge, Naomi Lucero, Benjamin Suppo, Matteo Suppo

## **RHCC CONFIRMATION PROGRAM MENTORS:**

Lauretta Haugh, Janet Huley, Roland Kistler, Craig Packnick

## **PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**Caroline Breckenridge**

**8th Grade, Greenwich Academy**



### **Introduction from Mentor Lauretta Haugh:**

It has been an absolute joy to work with Caroline over this past year. She is one of the kindest, most compassionate individuals I have ever met. I have thoroughly enjoyed our time together, dissecting the book of Luke: finding new meaning, asking questions, and translating how those practices and themes relate to being a part of a faith community in 2020. It brought great joy and deep meaning for me as we wrote cards to our beloved members of Round Hill Community Church during a very uncertain time in our world. These notes of encouragement are one of your gifts and callings, and I thank you for sharing that gift with me and our church community. Caroline, I want to leave you with a verse from the book of Joshua; *“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

### **Prayer from Mentor:**

Dear Lord, bless Caroline on her continued journey of faith. May she continue to ask questions, actively read other books of the Bible, and never forget that she is surrounded by a church community that loves her and cares deeply for her.

### **Community Service Reflection:**

I wrote letters to the elderly church members because I really like writing letters. I also felt really bad for elderly people during the Coronavirus. I learned the importance of communication, especially when people are isolated. Reaching out to people who don't have as many family and friends as they used to is very important and to check up on them. By being kind to others, trying to help people when they're going through a tough time, it has shown me the power and importance of love and fellowship.

### **Statements of Faith:**

Jesus taught us to be kind and help others, which inspires me to be a force for good. For example, I try to be a friend to everyone and this fosters a loving community. I try to follow all the teachings of Jesus to make the world a better place. For example, I try to take care of the environment so the Earth is a better place for everyone to live.

God: I believe that God is forgiving, inspires hope, and is always watching over me. God is the creator of all things, both good and bad.

Jesus: Jesus is the son of God, sent to offer people hope and forgiveness. He sacrificed his life for ours.

Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit lives in all of us. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

The Church: A welcoming community where I can worship God. It is also a place where I can come to spend time with people in my community.

The Bible: Tells me interesting stories about love, Jesus, and his disciples. Prevents me from doing wrong.

**Confirmation Verse:**

*"May the Lord bless you and take care of you;*

*May the Lord be kind and gracious to you;*

*May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace."* Numbers 6:24-26

**Naomi Lucero,**

**8th grade, Coleman Middle School**



**Introduction from Mentor Janet Huley:**

I have come to know Naomi Lucero as a very mature student with curiosity and compassion. Naomi has worked diligently on all confirmation assignments and enthusiastically went beyond reading the book of Luke to read the book of Acts with me as we extended the Confirmation period. Naomi adapted flexibly to online zoom meetings, creatively wrote letters to Saints in our church, and cooked desserts and packed lunches for Pacific House.

### **Prayer from Mentor:**

Thank you God for the gift of this special young woman who has lived up to her last name by bringing so much light into her family's life, her church's life, and my life. May she shine her compassionate light for friends, family, and strangers, and strengthen her faith so that it supports her through all the challenges ahead. Amen.

### **Community Service Reflection:**

For community service, I wrote cards for people at the church. I also helped make food for the Pacific House. I chose to write letters because I wanted to make people happy during the quarantine and pandemic. The reason I helped make food for the Pacific House was because I love cooking and it makes me happy to cook for someone other than myself. From the experience I learned that doing something for other people makes you feel better than doing something for yourself. I think the project continued the work of the ministry of Jesus by donating to help people in need or people who just need someone to talk to when they're in trouble no matter what. Community service has influenced my faith by making me feel great when I know I'm making someone's day, which makes me think other people out there are also helping people which also makes me very happy.

### **Statements of Faith:**

God: God for me is forgiveness and determination. He forgives us for being us. We all make mistakes and we all feel bad about them, but we are human, no one is perfect. God is a light in the dark, he is hope, for it is in our darkest moments that we find our faith.

Jesus: Jesus was a person who was great to people and helped them anyway he could. He saved thousands of lives, gave food to the hungry and starving, and accepted everyone, regardless of race, religion, or state of being. He had many followers and he stood up for what he believed in until the end

Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the living presence of God inside of us to spiritually help us and guide us in life. The more time you spend with God, the more you learn. In Luke chapter 4:1-20, Jesus was led to the wilderness by the Holy Spirit and was tempted for forty days by the devil. He never gave into him. After the forty days he went to Nazareth and he went to the synagogue on Sabbath and read "the spirit of the Lord is upon me

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recover sight to the blind.”

The Church: The church is somewhere you can talk about your worries or how you just feel or just how your day is going. It's somewhere where people and God listen to you about your life and just in general. It's also a great place where you can just be honest with yourself.

The Bible: The bible is useful for learning about the world from scripture: We learn about God. Creation. Our origin. Our purpose. Our destiny. We learn about Jesus. His redemptive work. His plan for our salvation. We learn how to live. How to treat others. How to experience joy, peace, and contentment in life.

*How has your Christian faith inspired you to be a force for good?*

It has inspired me to be a force of good by helping me help others in any way I can possibly help them like making food for people in need of it. Just like how Jesus helped anyone who needed it no matter what others thought of them.

*What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?*

It means to follow him with his teachings and his goodness but also not just by saying you follow him but to put his words into action and do good in the world.

**Confirmation Verse:**

*“Jesus said unto him, ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.’ ” Matthew 22:37*

**Benjamin Suppo**  
**9th grade, Greenwich High School**



**Introduction from Mentor Craig Packnick:**

My name is Craig Packnick and I have had the privilege of mentoring Ben Suppo this past year. Ben is wise beyond his years, and so much of that has to do with his amazing support system including his family, friends, and Round Hill Community Church. At the same time Ben is calm, driven, and disciplined, always striving to learn and grow. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for Ben. I also look forward to seeing him continue to grow in his faith in Jesus.

**Prayer from Mentor:**

Dear God, thank you for the precious life you've given to Ben Suppo. I pray that as he concludes this fruitful Confirmation process, that this would be just the beginning. Give Ben a heart for others and use him in a mighty way for your Kingdom's purposes. I pray that your Holy Spirit would rest upon him as he journeys through life on this side of heaven. We send Ben out with this blessing in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Community Service Reflection:**

At Pacific House, I cooked meals and helped feed the residents. At Abilis, I hosted Zoom community events for individuals with special needs. I was encouraged to do it by Pastor Dan and others. I learned to be grateful for free food and shelter. I also learned what it is like to live without basic necessities. On top of this, while serving them and interacting, I've also come to see that they are just like ordinary people. Jesus would always help and encourage people to help the less fortunate. We carried on the same way as when Jesus was alive. I got to experience what it was like for Jesus when he was around and was always helping the needy. I got to see how blessed I am with love and opportunity. Lastly, it has shown me how God loves everyone and has different intentions for everyone.

## **Statements of Faith:**

My Christian faith has inspired me to live like Jesus and encourages me to be a better person every day. I am able to reach more peaceful solutions and have God with me to help in times of need. Being a disciple of Jesus means that I have a friend and mentor who is guiding me through life. I know I'm not alone and get to listen and respond to the ways God is teaching me. I am more responsible, and I am able to put myself in someone else's shoes.

God: God is a forgiving mentor. He guides his disciples to make the best decisions they possibly can.

Jesus: Jesus is the messiah. He was sent by God for the task of forgiving people of their sins and to show them how to give.

Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God's presence. Since he is not here physically (that we know of) but he is always with us when we need him or her most.

The Church: The Church is where we worship God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the bible and so much more. This is the place of worship that is sacred for us disciples.

The Bible: Tells the stories of the Old and New testament. Contains many gospels and parables. Considered the word of God.

**Confirmation Bible Verse:**

*"Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.*

*He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday."* Psalm 37: 5-6

**Matteo Suppo,  
9th Grade, Greenwich High School**



**Introduction from Mentor Roland Kistler:**

It is with the greatest pleasure that I present to you Matteo Suppo. What a joy it has been sharing the gospel, studying scripture and growing in our faith together. Matteo is a strong, confident and courageous young man combined with a humble and kind heart. His dedication to the Holy spirit is admirable. His hard work in school, on the football field and in life is something to be proud of. I am grateful for the time we have shared.

### **Prayer from Mentor:**

Dear Father, Bless your son Matteo on his walk in his life and faith. Strengthen his courageous spirit and encourage him to seek the presence of the Holy Spirit within. Guide him in your will for him. Challenge him every day to become more responsible and more gracious. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

### **Community Service Reflection:**

My brother and I made sandwiches for the Pacific House. I chose this activity because nutrition is very important to me. Many people during the pandemic were really struggling so we decided to make sandwiches, cookies, and orange slices to help them. I learned that I'm very lucky to have the food that I have. Every day I am able to eat almost anything I want, and lots of people cannot. There are many people that do not know where their next meal is going to come from. This is why I am very grateful. Jesus was always giving and helping as much as he could. By making sandwiches, I was continuing Jesus' work by feeding the less fortunate by giving food.

### **Statements of Faith:**

The Christian faith has inspired me to be a force for good by seeing how much the kind actions of Jesus affect others. To be a disciple of Jesus, you must do as Jesus did and spread the word of God.

God: I feel that God is such an empowering person, though we don't know how he existed or when, we know what he did for us. God is seen as omnipotent meaning he has the power to do anything and everything, God used this omnipotence to create the world we have today and generate beautiful generations of life.

Jesus: When we look back at who Jesus was, we see a man who suffered and died for us. A man full of love, devotion and loyalty to his faith and his people. Jesus will always be seen as a selfless, noble man who is always willing to stand up for his beliefs.

The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is seen as a conceptualization of salvation and was created long before anything existed and has been giving us life for billions of generations. The Holy Spirit was the beginning of life on planet earth, he gave Mary the power to conceive Jesus without seceding her virginity.

Without the Holy Spirit who knows where our faith would stand today. We are so lucky to have places like churches where we can go to pray for the sick or the unfortunate who are suffering.

The Church: Churches provide us with a safe space where everyone is welcome and all levels of faith are welcome. Churches are a safe space we can go to any time of day to pray for our loved ones or anyone whether they are suffering or in need of a simple favor from God. The first churches were created by Jesus' disciples and from then on we have been lucky enough to have a place where we can renew ourselves from our previous sins through confession and pray for others.

The Bible: The bible is a book of stories filled with different perspectives on the creation of God. Without the bible we wouldn't know anything about how life was created on earth and who the first people to walk the planet were. The bible also offers us many prayers that provide us with ways to connect with God.

**Confirmation Verse:**

*"Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it." Psalm 119:35*