**April 22, 2018**

Greetings to you in the name of Christ!

This Sunday we, as a church, have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the confirmation of three of our students. In The United Methodist Church the process of confirmation is a time in which students explore what we believe and what a life of faith looks like.  At the end of this time, they are able to come forward and make their own commitment to be a full member of the church. For the past several weeks, these students and I have spent time trying to understand who God is, what we believe about the church, and what it means to be a Christian. This has been a time of asking questions, discussing opinions, and learning together.

These three students have truly committed themselves to   participating fully in this process and it is a joy and privilege to confirm them this morning. For me, there is no greater time to be  your pastor than when I am able to come alongside you and explore the mysteries of the faith together. In these classes, the students     have taught me as much as I have taught them and they will be wonderful members of Marlow United Methodist Church. Please join me in celebrating, praying for and welcoming our 2018 confirmands!

**Gavin DeRoche**

**Michaela Frolik**

 **Gracie Warriner**

Grace and peace,

 Rev. Mary Kathryn Allen