

# Wesley's Covenant Service

## AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THOSE WHO WOULD ENTER INTO OR RENEW THEIR COVENANT WITH GOD

No matter what your past, your future is spotless – so let go and let God.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 a.m.

(\*) CONGREGATION STANDING IF ABLE

THE PRELUDE "Come All Christians Be Committed" (Hayes)  
"I Worship You Almighty God" (Wood)  
Carol Heagy

GREETING

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia" UMH 186

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader- Grace and Peace from God our Father and our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ.

**People- We come to worship the Lord who established a new  
Covenant through His Son Jesus Christ.**

Leader- We come to worship the Lord, three in one, the God of  
Spirit and truth.

**People- Amen! Come Lord Jesus into our hearts in this new year.**

\*SINGING OUR FAITH "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" UMH 606

THE UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

*We gather to worship you, our Creator, the God of love, the God who continually preserves and sustains us, who blesses us with an everlasting love, who grants to us knowledge of God's glory: You are God, and we praise You and acknowledge You to be the Lord. We glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor. He was tempted in all points of life like we are, but He was without sin. He went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. He accepted death on the cross; He was dead and yet is alive forever, and has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all who trust in Him; He alone sits in glory at the right hand of God, and He will come again to be our judge. You, O Christ, are the King of Glory we worship. We rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Through the Spirit we are born into the family of God, and made members of the Body of Christ. The witness of the Spirit confirms us, the wisdom teaches us, and the power enables us – the Spirit will do far more for us than we ask or think. And so we lift our praise to our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and call out for Your blessing upon us in this new year, for it is in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

A TIME FOR SHARING OUR FAITH AND OUR TESTIMONIES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "I Am No Longer My Own" Nathan Trimmer

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:4-10

THE COVENANT MEDITATION "Our Purpose In Creation"

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Call To Stewardship

The Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*The Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Blanca

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Pastor- Let us humbly confess our sins to God: O God, you have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**People- Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Pastor- We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in serving others, and our imperfect use of Your gifts.

**People- Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Pastor- Let each of us in silence make our confession to God.

PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

Pastor- Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

**People- Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; In Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Pastor- Now the message that we have heard from God's Son and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in Him. If we live in the light - just as He is in the light - then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, He will keep His promise and do what is right; He will forgive us all our wrongdoing.

**People- Amen. Thanks be to God.**

\*THE COVENANT

Pastor- ...Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in His promises and relying on His grace.

**People- I give myself completely to You, O God. Assign me to my place in Your creation. Let me suffer for You. Give me the work You would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step Aside while You call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to You. And now, Holy Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity, That we might continue in the grace and glory of Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor- The Lord be with you.

**People- And also with you.**

Pastor- Lift up your hearts!

**People- We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE INVITATION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All- Lord, we give thanks for the gift of this Holy Meal. We praise You that You sent Your Son, that through Him we might be reconciled completely to You. Christ sacrificed Himself for us; and so grant that all we are and all we do be a response to Him, as we continue to pray in the manner He taught us to pray by saying... Our Father. Who art in Heaven...**

\*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION "To God Be The Glory" (vs. 1 & 3) No. 98

\*THE BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor- May the God who established a covenant with those who seek to enter the Kingdom be always present with you.

**People- Amen!**

Pastor- May Jesus Christ who sealed the covenant with His sacrifice on the cross bring you peace.

**People- Amen!**

Pastor- Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**People- Amen! Thanks be to God!**

\*THE POSTLUDE "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" (Denton)