

## Covenant Renewal Service

January 15, 2017

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

\*Hymn "God of the Ages" UMH 698

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* Stand if able.

\*\* You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it. Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and you that you may remember it during doubts and temptations.

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**Liturgical Color: Red**

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements (10 Minutes before the hour)

Chimes (on the Hour)

Hymn of Fellowship "A Charge to Keep I Have" v.1 UMH 413  
After Singing Greet Those around You

Centering Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" UMH 606

Opening Prayer\*

O God, Searcher of all our hearts,  
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.  
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,  
and to enter anew into covenant with you,  
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.  
Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,  
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.  
(DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT.)

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend,  
you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

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We thank you for your loving care,  
which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason,  
and set us in a world filled with your glory.  
You have comforted us with family and friends,  
and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you,  
and have given us your peace.  
You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.  
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit  
and the witness of your Church.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have been our light in darkness  
and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.  
You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys  
and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you.  
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.  
You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.  
For all your patience and overflowing grace.

### PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

“Sanctuary”

TFWS 2164

Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 31:9 –13 A covenant renewal  
2 Kings 23:1 –3 Renewal of covenant  
2 Chronicles 34:29 –33 Renewal of covenant  
Jeremiah 31:31 –34 A new covenant  
Psalm 50 (UMH 783) Gathering of the faithful  
1 Peter 1 Call of holy living  
Matthew 25:14 –30 Parable of talents

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**And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.\***

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR COVENANT REAFFIRMATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.  
In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.