

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. We have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study we have been led by the Holy Spirit to reaffirm our baptism and to claim our presence in this covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. We are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows. Let us renew our baptismal covenant.

The Preparation

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? **I RENOUNCE THEM.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? **I RENOUNCE THEM.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior? **I DO.**

Do you promise to follow and Jesus Christ as Your Lord? **I DO.**

A Testimony of Faith *UCC Statement of Faith (Moss Version)*

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Affirmation in the Triune God

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

I BELIEVE IN GOD.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Prayer (unison)

LORD JESUS, FOR YOU I LIVE, FOR YOU I SUFFER, FOR YOU I DIE! LORD JESUS, YOURS WILL I BE IN LIFE AND DEATH! GRANT ME, O LORD, ETERNAL SALVATION!

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO IN BAPTISM RECEIVED US YOUR SERVANTS INTO THE CHURCH, FORGAVE OUR SINS, AND PROMISED US ETERNAL LIFE, INCREASE IN US THE GIFTS OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. GRANT LOVE FOR OTHERS, JOY IN SERVING YOU, PEACE IN DISAGREEMENT, PATIENCE IN SUFFERING, KINDNESS TOWARD ALL PEOPLE, GOODNESS IN EVIL TIMES, FAITHFULNESS IN TEMPTATION, GENTLENESS IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION, SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS. THEREBY STRENGTHEN US FOR OUR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.