

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.

CONFESSION

TOGETHER

God in heaven, we confess that we are half-hearted creatures, grasping for your good gifts of pleasure, intimacy, and accomplishment as though they could give us a life we can keep. forgetting that you have placed eternity in our hearts, and that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

TOGETHER

We look to our money, possessions, accomplishments, and relationships for security and control. We follow in the footsteps of the prodigal son, desiring your gifts and spurning you as the Gift-giver. Father, forgive us.

[Silence is kept.]

ASSURANCE

LEADER

The Lord has prepared a table for you in the presence of your defeated enemies: Satan, Sin, and Death. God invites you to eat, drink, and be joyful in the good gifts he provides you.

He has redeemed you by the work of Jesus, and his Spirit is transforming what you love and desire.

Because of the finished work of Jesus, you are accepted as sons and daughters. Which means all that God has is yours in Christ Jesus!

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!