

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

Father, we confess we have believed the patterns of the world and have lived by them as our standard,

We have built our own system of laws on what we feel is right and wrong.

You are the only good and righteous judge. Yet we have rejected your good rule and, in our pride, have pronounced others guilty.

TOGETHER

You have called us to restore unity in our relationships, but instead, we sow seeds of division with gossip, anger, and offense.

You have called us to sexual fidelity, but instead we have been unfaithful with our eyes, our hearts, our bodies, and our minds.

TOGETHER

Help us to turn from our sin, and to treat one another with dignity, as image bearers, so that we might not lose the whole of our lives.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

Brothers and sisters, through Jesus Christ, the Father has embraced us as his own.

We have been reconciled to Him and to each other. We can now forgive as we have been forgiven. In every way that we have failed to uphold the law, Christ has fulfilled it. The righteousness we have longed for is ours in Christ Jesus. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!

For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.