

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

LEADER

Father, we look to You. From your hand, comes true blessing, help, and mercy. You open your mouth and teach us truth. Let us open our ears and hearts to be formed by You.

(pause and receive)

Father, you bless the poor in spirit. We confess that too often we resist acknowledging our need and true poverty, arrogantly choosing self-sufficiency.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

LEADER

Your blessing comes to those who mourn over their sin. We ignore our sin and instead seek to self-justify.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

LEADER

You satisfy and bless us with Your righteousness. We seek to be right in our own eyes, on our own terms.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

LEADER

You call us to a true identity and a real purpose. We confess that we have conformed to the patterns of this world, covering the light that You've made to shine in us.

TOGETHER

Father, forgive us.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

Receive the assurance of your faith: Jesus says to his people, "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world."

You who mourn over your sin, weep no more in your fear of abandonment.

God will never leave you or forsake you.

God is not ashamed of you.

He fills up your lack with the blessing of His kingdom. He who knew no sin became sin for you, and offered you his righteousness.

Rest, and be satisfied in the love of your Father.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!

For yours is the Kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.