

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:

Son of God, overflowing with mercy,
We often try to hide our many sins from
you.
We believe we can stand on our own
performance,
As if we could find our identity and worth
in our achievements.

We depend on our morality and effort,
We seek to be righteous in our own
strength
Through our church attendance or
political allegiance.
We do what is right in our own eyes; we
go our own way.

We place our trust in our ability to keep
your law
And prove ourselves to be lawbreakers.

We work as though we could earn your
grace
Rather than receiving it as a free gift.
Have mercy on us.

LEADER:

The law cannot save us.
Why can't the law save us?

(Silence)

ASSURANCE

LEADER:

Christ has fulfilled all of the law in your
place.
You have been crucified with Christ.
You no longer live according to human
striving,
But Christ's Spirit now lives in you and is
your hope for glory.
The life you now live in weakness,
You live by faith in the Son of God,
Who loves you and gave himself for you.

TOGETHER:

For freedom, Christ has set us free!
Thanks be to God