

## **Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (UMH 50)**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

### RENOUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you,  
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of God,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
[the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.]**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.        **And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Here water may be used symbolically as all dip the water and make a mark of cross on the forehead, that cannot be interpreted as baptism, as the pastor says:*

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

*The pastor continues:*

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

*The pastor says:* Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.**

**As members of the body of Christ,**

**and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,**

**we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church**

**by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,**

**that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

*Passing the peace of Christ begins*