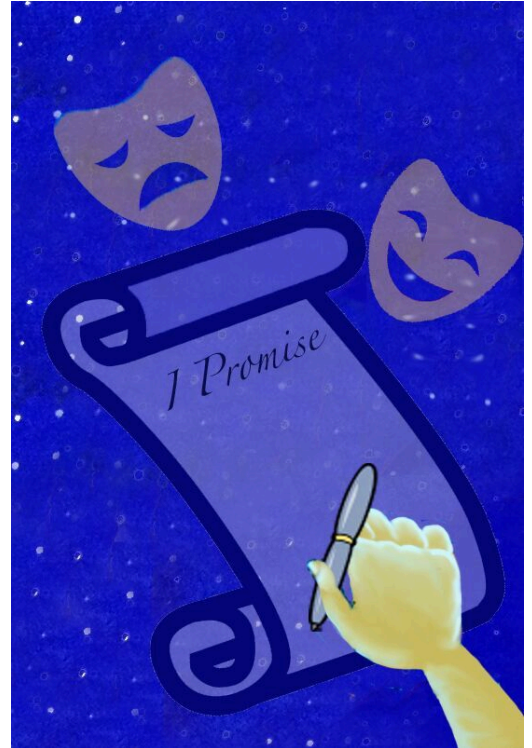


2016 Recommitment – Lament and Promise

GATHERING



ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Common English Bible (CEB)

CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:
remember the Good News,

The Holy One calls us to
to give thanks for the

promises of healing and new life.

People:

We come to worship God,
carrying our troubles, our

confusion, our pain,

calls us

broken.

Leader:
burdens,

follow him.

People:

certainty, for love,

God is with us.

Leader:

through us,

courage for the days ahead.

All:
calls us.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader:

evils of this world.

People:
fog,

trusting that the one who

will mend all that is

Jesus invites us to set down our

to take up the cross and

We come to worship the Holy One,
yearning for comfort, for

trusting the promise that

The Holy Spirit flows

around us and among us and

giving strength and

Let us worship the God who

Holy Creator,

we are troubled by the

We often lose our way in the

unable to see the path

ahead.

Leader:
fall;

Over and over, we stumble and

is worth the effort.

we wonder if the journey

People:
believe as we do,

We judge others who do not

our place to judge.

forgetting that it is not

Leader:
discouraged,

We are confused and

uncertain of your call.

All:
recommitment,

In this season of

promises to you.

help us to renew our

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

Leader:
fears,

God knows our sins and our

and forgives them all.

rekindles our faith.

The promise of God's grace

All:

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

INTERCESSION AND PETITION

COMMITMENT

All:

with you.

to grow together,

us with others

world.

have inflicted,

who have hurt us.

discipline

relationship with you;

your creation;

in solidarity with those in need;

and violence, and discord;

when you call,

as you have shown the way.

O Holy One, we come today

to claim our relationship

We pray for the commitment

sharing the gifts you give

here and in the wider

Forgive us for the hurt we

and help us forgive those

Give us strength and

to nurture our

to care for every part of

to foster justice and be

to work to end all war,

and to respond joyfully

freely giving our selves

We open our hearts to you
and your creation
in the name of Jesus, who
is the Christ. Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

COMMUNION

PREPARATION

Leader 1: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,
the joyful celebration of the people of
God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the
table.

Here we celebrate God's presence among
us

united in Christ's spirit, broken and
whole all at once;

All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,
sinner and forgiven; we make one circle
of knowing,

believing, rejoicing, being,
as God lights and rests among us.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: God of love and faithfulness,
we give you thanks for each morning,
for the work that you set before us,
for your promise to be with us when we

lament.

People: God of justice and peace,
we give you thanks for Jesus,
who taught us how to love our neighbors
as we walk the path to reconciliation.

Leader 2: God of grace and mercy,
we give you thanks for your Spirit,
surprising us with whispers of hope
sounding through our cries.

All: God of all that is and ever will be,
we give you thanks for your church,
the living Body of Christ,
feeding a world that hungers for your
presence.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of
life,
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall never hunger,
You who believe in me shall never
thirst.

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, broke
it and said,
This is my body,
broken for the healing of the world.
Whenever you eat it, do so remembering
me.

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,
This is the cup of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for all.
Whenever you drink it, do so
remembering me.

us,

instruments of God's love.

All:
calls us,

with signs of peace. Amen.

that the Holy One is with

and that we are

In the name of the one who

let us greet one another