

# A Covenant Service

*Congregational Church members gather together in response to the initial call of God. Christian's are enabled to respond to God's call, not through their own abilities or status, but through the unmerited Grace of God.*

*Individual Christians freely enter into a covenant relationship with one another and with God to form his church. They agree not only to live individually in covenant with God but also as a church in obedience to His will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*Put simply, Congregational Church members are expected to be willing to follow Jesus together as Christ's people.*

Constitution: "Persons shall be deemed to be members of the Church when they have worshipped regularly at \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Church for twelve months and have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ at the Covenant Service(s) held annually. A record of those present at the Covenant Service(s) shall be kept. The membership list shall be updated annually at the AGM. All are encouraged to take an active part in the life of the Church through attendance at the Church Meetings.

*Today, together, we profess our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We are bound together by our belief in the living God revealed in Jesus Christ. We trust in our Lord's promise to be with His people who meet in his name.*

A statement of the faith of the Church is found in John 3. 16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

**STAND:** (We speak as individuals and then as a people together)

I believe in God and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

In response to God's gracious promises and commands, we covenant to walk together in all the ways of the Lord, as He has revealed or shall reveal them by His Spirit and through His Word.

We freely bind ourselves, His grace enabling us, to live in loving communion with each other as is fitting of the church of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Jesus calls us all to share in a life of discipleship: it is for us all to respond to*

*that call in faithful obedience.*

Jesus said: "If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Jesus said: "Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Jesus said: "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Jesus said: "Love one another, just as I love you; for by this shall everyone know that you are my disciples if you have love, one for another."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Jesus said: Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples and I will be with you always, to the end of the world."

**Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Lord you have redeemed us and called us to your service: give us grace to hear your word and obey your commandment.

Together with all who proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord we are a royal priesthood, God's own people. We are all called by God to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light and to live out in our lives the love of him who first loved us. **Amen.**