# Making and Renewing Covenant

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 God has made us a people: we have been shaped by God's will

• Jesus calls us together: we meet in Jesus' name

• The Spirit binds us together: and leads us into truth.

# The Creed We Believe

- Together with all God's people, we proclaim our faith and celebrate the story of our salvation.
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- 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.

# The Creed

- On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# We Serve We baptize those who repent and trust in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

- In baptism, we are called to be disciples, sharing in Christ's death and resurrection.
- Through baptism, we are received into the church, the body of Christ, immersed into the fellowship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- To know Christ is to follow him; to name him Lord is to obey him.

# Response to the Word

- We are called to be a worshipping community,
   offering all to God in prayer.
- We are called to be a missionary community, making known the redeeming love of God.
- We are called to be a sacrificial community, generously giving from all that God has given us.

# Response to the Word

- We are called to be an inclusive community, sharing the hospitality of God's Kingdom with all.
- We are called to be a prophetic community,
   challenging powers that oppress and corrupt
- As a Gospel people, let us covenant together before God and each other:

#### We Covenant

- Creating and redeeming God, we give you thanks and praise.
- Your covenant of grace was made for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- We come this day to covenant with you and with our companions in discipleship: to watch over each other and to walk together before you in ways known and still to be made known.

#### We Covenant

- Pour down your Spirit on us.
- Help us so to walk in your ways that the promises we make this day, and the life
- that we live together, may become an offering of love, our duty and delight,
- truly glorifying to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### We Covenant

- This day, we give ourselves again to the Lord and to each other, to be bound together in fellowship and to work together in the unity of the Spirit for the sake of God's mission.
- In our congregation, in local partnerships with the Churches of Amesbury. In our Southern Counties association and in the wider Union, we commit all that we have and, all that we are to fulfil God's purposes of love.

## We Send and are Sent

• Now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now to him who, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. **Amen.**