



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

COVENANT

Leader: Jesus' way is the way of love. In him we find more love, freedom and abundant life. You are invited to turn toward Jesus and to commit to follow his Way of Love in the context of Christian community, trusting in his power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

After each bidding, all who desire to make this commitment should join in proclaiming: ***By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Leader: Will you turn and center your life on Jesus,
falling in love with our Lord again and again and again?

People: ***By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Leader: Will you ground your life in the life and teachings of Jesus, as revealed in scripture?
And will you pray and simply listen for God's voice in your life and in the world?

People: ***By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Leader: Will you gather together in worship, to break bread and to thank and praise God?
And will you bless this world with your story, your resources, and your labor?

People: ***By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Leader: Will you cross boundaries and fearlessly become God's Beloved Community?
And will you take rest, receiving God's gift of grace and restoration,
and letting God be God?

People: ***By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Leader: May the God who formed all things in Love, draw you near to God's own heart,
empower you by the power of the Spirit to live the Way of Love with fellow
travelers, and send you to participate in the resurrection and healing of God's world.

And may the blessing of our Lord – loving, liberating and life-giving –
be with us and remain with us forever and ever.

All: ***Amen.***

Optional Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (#136, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal)