A JOURNEY TOWARD JUSTICE

GATHERING

Gathering Time

Welcome

Introductions

+ Greeting

Friends, sisters and brothers, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us!

Let us praise the Lord!

+ Gathering Songs

Witness

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

- + Invitation
- + Confession and Pardon
- + The Great Thanksgiving
- + The Lord's Prayer
- + Breaking the Bread

Communion elements taken at your table

+ Song

Fear+Less Litany

Introduction

MAKING MEANING OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Gregory Palmer

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A Time for Guided Conversation

+ Song

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

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"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?"

A Time for Guided Conversation

+ Song

Lunch

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

+ Song

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

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?

We do.

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

We 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? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround each other with a community of love and forgiveness, that we may grow in our trust of God and be found faithful in our service to others. We will pray for one another, that we may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Blessing

+ Song

SENDING FORTH

Closing Statement

Bishop Michael McKee

Call to Action

- + Song for the Journey
- + Benediction

THANK YOU

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"THE VISION OF A WORLD MADE NEW"
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.