

# Rhythms of Grace - Liturgy I

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

Colossians 1:15-18

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

LEADER

Merciful God, you have called us out of darkness, so that we may proclaim your excellencies to the world around us.

TOGETHER

But we confess we pursue comfortable lives that often deny the ways of Jesus, and keep us from loving our neighbors and offering mercy.

LEADER

Merciful God, you've called us to contend for the faith and persevere as faithful followers of Jesus.

TOGETHER

But we confess that we often follow our ungodly passions leading us away from your very word.

LEADER

Merciful God, You've called us to grow strong in your word, and to live by the Holy Spirit as we wait for your return.

TOGETHER

But we confess our hearts are divided, and we allow deceptive influences to form our thoughts and desires. Father, forgive us and help us to keep ourselves in your love.



## ASSURANCE

### LEADER

To those who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ, hear the beautiful news that is yours in Jesus. You were once dead in your sins, but through the cross and resurrection, God made you alive together with him, forgiving your trespasses and canceling the record of debt that stood against you by nailing it to the cross.

### LEADER

You have been buried with him in baptism and raised with Christ through faith, that you may be children of God, shining as lights in the world and holding fast to the word of life. May His mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

### TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



# BENEDICTION

*A blessing from the authority of scripture over the people.*

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

