

## **Affirmation of Baptism ①**

### **Order for Reception Into Membership**

**\*INVITATION** (*Leader*)

We invite those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting together in this household of faith to please rise, as you are able.

**\*QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES**

**Leader:** Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

**Leader:** Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

**Leader:** Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

**Leader:** Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Saviour, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**Candidates:** **I promise, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world.

**Candidates:** **I promise, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

**Candidates:** **I promise, with the help of God.**

**\*ADDRESS** (*Leader*)

By our baptism we were made one in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in our pilgrimage of faith which has brought us to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been our spiritual home, and we celebrate our shared presence in this household of faith.

**\*MUTUAL MINISTRY**

**Leader:** Let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**Members:** **We welcome one another with joy in the common life of this church. We promise one another our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

**\*PRAYER** (*Leader*)

Let us pray...

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. May we work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, to whom be all honor and glory.

**Amen.**

**\*WELCOME AND RECEPTION**

**Leader:** Welcome into the United Church of Christ of Robesonia.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**