



Litany at the Beginning of an Interim

March 15, 2020



Leader:

Believing that the time in between settled Pastors holds both challenges and opportunities, we covenant with God and with one another to continue to be a seeking, sharing, and serving community of Christians. The interim time can be one of uncertainty. We covenant now together to begin this journey as a spiritual journey in faith.

Interim Pastor:

I pledge to walk with you on this new spiritual journey, to bring my experience, education, and sense of God's call on human life to bear upon our work and life together. This journey will be new to all of us as we seek God's guidance for this church in a new day. I will seek to listen to the members and friends of this congregation and to walk in faith with you through this time of transition.

All:

Together we invite God's Spirit to help us to channel anxiety into hope. We will seek to recall our history faithfully, and to examine prayerfully our lives and the life of our congregation, we trust that God will prepare us to meet the challenges ahead with faith.

Interim Pastor:

I will seek to learn from your story, to listen to the ministry needs I hear in this community, to ask honest questions, and to point to the resources of scripture, tradition and experience for guidance on this journey. I will not seek to do this work in isolation, but I will seek out appropriate partnerships in the congregation, and in the community, in the hope that when I leave this ministry will continue strengthened for the future.

All:

Together we invite God's Spirit to blow afresh, opening our hearts and minds as we continue to walk in faith.

Leader:

The interim time is a season to prepare for our next chapter of ministry, to recognize and claim accountability for the ministries and the life of this community of faith. Our best preparation is in letting the manner of our life together reflect the message of the gospel.

All:

We renew our covenant to be active in this community's life through our commitment to be present with open hearts, to pray for and with one another, and to give generously of our means and of ourselves. We invite God's Spirit to work in us so that we might joyfully live in a spirit of love toward one another and in harmony with all of God's creation. By God's grace we have been called into fellowship with one another and with God. We pray for guidance, that our plans and decisions will be blessed by God's own gracious blessing. Amen.