



First Church Covenant & Membership Litany

Covenant of First Congregational United Church of Christ (Washington, DC)

In grateful response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we covenant with God and with each to other
to be a church of Christ.

We bind ourselves, in God's redeeming presence,
to walk together in ways
revealed to us by the Holy Spirit
in sacrament and Word, study and prayer,
fellowship and mission.

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith as a Doxology, 1981

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Membership Litany

New Member Welcome

This morning we joyfully receive (member name) into the life of First Church as (pronoun) claims this community as (pronoun) spiritual home.

Introduction of New Member

Membership Litany

Pastor: (Name), do you promise to journey faithfully with this community of faith, bringing your unique history, traditions, stories, and gifts to enrich our life together? If so, please answer, *I do, with the help of God.*

New Member: I do, with the help of God.

Moderator: Do you promise to worship with us regularly, opening your heart to the presence of the Still-Speaking God among us? If so, please answer, *I do, with the help of God.*

New Member: I do, with the help of God.

Outreach & Membership Representative: Do you promise to enlist in the work of First Congregational United Church of Christ as it serves this community and world? If so, please answer, *I do, with the help of God.*

New Member: I do, with the help of God.

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Closing Prayer