



# Justice Seeking Community Covenant

As a Justice-Seeking Congregation and justice-seeking people of faith, we call ourselves, our community/congregation, and our church to expand its understanding of the call of the Gospel to be the inclusive, anti-racist/anti-oppressive, justice-seeking, risk-taking Body of Christ. We will live out our belief that to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be involved in the transformation of the world.

We believe transformation is possible and hold these values as we seek sacred change in our congregations, communities, denomination, and our world.

### **Actions Grounded in Faith:**

We will ground all we do in the justice imperative of the Gospel in a way that inspires communities and activates members' spiritual desire to do justice in the world. Inspired by the advocacy of Jesus for the least, the last and the lost, we will participate in God's ongoing creation by engaging in justice-seeking in our community, the church and in the world.

### **The Prophetic Tradition of Christianity is Given Voice:**

We will give voice to the prophetic message of a holistic Gospel that honors the dignity and value of every human life. We will deepen its understanding of the prophetic tradition by listening attentively and carefully to those on the margins of the church and of society. We will speak and act in ways that honor truth over fear and integrity over comfort.

### **Inclusivity and Radical Welcome:**

We will strive for full inclusion in our own congregation and community. We will be agents of God's reconciliation and inclusion in our church and world.

### **Oppression in all its Forms is Interconnected:**

We will work nonviolently to end economic injustice, institutional racism, sexism, homophobia, militarism, ableism, and the degradation of the environment. These commitments will guide our congregation's selection of issues and organizing strategies.

We understand that work against injustice in any one of these areas brings us closer to justice in every one of these areas. As such we will work at the intersections of oppressions refusing to pit oppressed persons and groups against one another. We understand all experiences of marginalization and injustice are interconnected. We recognize that injustice works on multiple and simultaneous levels.

Because experiences of injustice do not happen in a vacuum, it is imperative we: develop the most effective strategies to create space for understanding privilege; organize in an intersectional framework led by marginalized communities; and build effective systems of resistance and cooperation to take action for justice. We will focus on collaboration and relationship building.

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Leadership: \_\_\_\_\_