

## Group Covenanting Service

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**Leader:** Hear these words of Scripture:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body . . . and we were all made to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 4:12–13).

**Participants:** We, though many and diverse, seek to be one in spirit, held together as the body of Christ, by God’s Spirit.

**Leader:** As we travel together, will you seek with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your body, with all your soul to love one another as friends in Christ?

**Participants:** Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:4–7). We will seek to bear witness to this reality in all we do together.

**Leader:** Then let us covenant together to be a community and to love one another as God has loved us. Let us covenant together to share stories and to share our lives, trusting in the unity of Christ living and present among us.

**Participants:** We make this covenant with joy. We will live this covenant in peace.

**All:** Alleluia! Amen!

[You may want to sing together “Blest Be the Tie That Binds,” “Though I May Speak,” “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service,” or some other appropriate hymn affirming the covenant community you intend to be.]