



## Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

### ENTRANCE

GATHERING (music)

GREETING – the purpose of service

*Mention tradition of Covenant and Baptismal renewal*

*Usually at the beginning of a new year, but we are moving into a new UMC*

*Requesting all local churches to renew their covenant to Christ and the UMC using the Wesley Covenant Prayer in the next few months. Especially if you have a new pastor.*

\*HYMN, UMH 606

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

KINGSFOLD

*Charles Wesley wrote this hymn specifically for The Covenant Renewal Service.*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts,**

**you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.**

**As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,**

**and to enter anew into covenant with you,**

**reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.**

**Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,**

**and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,**

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20<sup>TH</sup> CENT. From the

Covenant Renewal Service)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

## MESSAGE

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### SONG OF RESPONSE (from musicians)

#### WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

##### INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.  
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.  
Christ has many services to be done.  
Some are more easy and honorable,  
others are more difficult and disgraceful.  
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,  
others are contrary to both.  
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.  
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ  
except by denying ourselves.

##### COVENANT PRAYER

**I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things,  
let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and  
disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

#### CLOSING SONG

##### BENEDICTION

Lord God, from the abundance of your mercy  
Enrich these your servants and safeguard them as they travel  
Into your world, your mission field.  
Strengthened by your love,  
May they be thankful to you and bless you with unending love,  
May they serve you with humble hearts and willing spirits  
May they lead with boldness  
Through the power of your Spirit In the name of your son Jesus Christ.