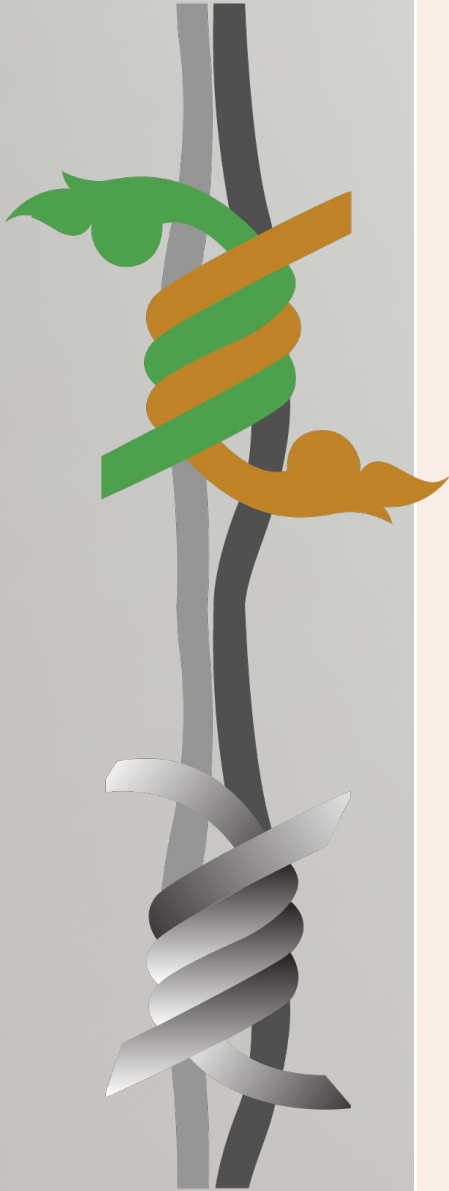


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# Order of Service

## 1. Procession

- Medley of Hallelujah

Caribbean

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu -  
- ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia, Hal - le - lu - ia.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for a Caribbean-style Hallelujah medley. It features two staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (G, D, C, Am, G/B) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia, Hal - le - lu - ia."

American Sunday School chorus

Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - ia, praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le -  
lu, hal - le - lu - ia, praise, ye the Lord. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the  
Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for an American Sunday School style Hallelujah chorus. It features three staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is more complex than the Caribbean version, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (G, C, D7, Am) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - ia, praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - ia, praise, ye the Lord. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord. Hal - le - lu - ia. Praise, ye the Lord."

Palestine

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for a Palestinian-style Hallelujah. It features two staves of music in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu."

as taught by Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim: Syria

♩ = 108

Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.  
Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for a Syrian-style Hallelujah. It features two staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 108. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah."

## 2. Welcome and greeting

We give thanks to God for the witness of the WCRC and its antecedents since July 1875, and how through the 150 years, perseverance has characterized our lives, and the focus has been on unity, justice and reconciliation as churches united in Christ around the globe.

- Opening hymn: “Day of Joy; Let Us Be Glad”

Songsam Prasopsin: Thailand Traditional melody: Thailand

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### English

1. Day of joy, let us be glad,  
 God has given us today for joy.  
 Do not be troubled by misfortune’s threat,  
 the LORD will pour blessings on your head.  
 Let your soul rejoice,  
 let your soul be filled with hope on this blessed day.

2. Bless this day, fill it with love, help us lead a life of  
 charity.  
 Give us eternal grace and fortitude

to overcome sins that shackle us.  
 May we win the fight,  
 of the good and evil thoughts raging in our hearts.

3. Jesus Christ, we give you thanks,  
 may this day be spent in praising you.  
 How precious is the blood you shed for us;  
 we glorify you for saving us.  
 You are all in all,  
 be the center of our lives now and evermore.

## 3. Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 89:15)

Leader:

People of God, gathered from every nation,  
 come and lift your hearts to our Creator—  
 faithful is the Holy One through all generations.

**People:**

***Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, O God,  
 who walk in the light of Your presence!***

Leader:

From every corner of our Global Communion,  
our voices rise in praise—  
for our God is a God of justice and truth.

**People:**

***Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, O God,  
who walk in the light of Your presence!***

Leader:

Let us come rejoicing,  
for the Holy One has established the covenant  
and righteousness will never fail.

**All:**

***Blessed are we who walk in the light of God's presence—  
let us worship with gladness!***

- Medley: Great is Your Faithfulness + Tu fidelidad es grande (*Miguel Casina*)

Thomas O. Chisholm William M. Runyan: USA

1. Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor, with you no shad - ow of  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and stars in their  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing, your own dear pre - sence to

turn - ing we see. You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
cheer and to guide. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be. Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your  
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have  
need - ed your hand has pro - vid - ed, great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

Chords: D, Em/G, A, G/D, D, G, D, E/B, E7, A, A7, D, Em/G, E#07, D/A, A, D, A Refrain, D, B, Em, A7, D, A/E, E, A, A7, D, Em/G, E#07, D/A, A, D

Spanish

Oh, Dios eterno, tu misericordia,  
ni una sombra de duda tendrá;  
tu compasión y bondad nunca fallan,  
y por los siglos el mismo serás.

Coro:

¡Oh, tu fidelidad! ¡Oh, tu fidelidad!  
Cada momento la veo en mí.  
Nada me falta, pues todo provees,  
¡Grande, Señor, es tu fidelidad!

La noche\_oscura, el sol y la luna,  
las estaciones del año también,  
unen su canto cual fieles criaturas,  
porque\_eres bueno, por siempre\_eres fiel.

Tú me perdonas, me\_impertes el gozo,  
tierno me guías por sendas de paz;  
eres mi fuerza, mi fe, mi reposo,  
y por los siglos mi todo serás.

Words: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923; Spanish: Honorato Reza. Music: William M. Runyan, 1923.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in Spanish. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. Above the first staff, the notes are labeled with solfège syllables: RE, si7, mi7, LA, SOL, RE, LA. Above the second staff, the notes are labeled: si7, mi7, SOL, RE. Above the third staff, the notes are labeled: MIb, do7, fa7, SIb, LAb, MIb, SIb. Above the fourth staff, the notes are labeled: do7, fa7, LAb, MIb. The lyrics are: 'Tu fi-de-li-dad es gran-de, tu fi-de-li-dad in-com-pa-ra-ble es; na-die co-mo Tú ben-di-to Dios, gran-de es tu fi-de-li-dad. Tu fi de-li dad es gran de, tu fi de-li dad in-com-pa-ra-ble es; na-die co-mo Tú ben-di-to Dios, gran-de es tu fi de-li dad.' The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one sharp and one flat (F# and Bb).

**Prayer**

Faithful God,  
we thank you for walking with your people through the years of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.  
You have carried us through struggles and lifted us in hope.  
Your Spirit has connected communities across continents,  
teaching us to share bread, justice, and joy.

Today we give thanks for reformed churches around the globe—  
for their witness, their service, their songs, their courage.  
Keep us rooted in your faithfulness and open to your future.  
May we keep walking together, trusting that your love never fails.

Amen.

#### 4. Remembering our Story

In 1571, the Emden Synod made a theological call to the Reformed churches to gather in synods:

*“God has assigned his gifts to men in such a way that he has given to individuals only a very definite measure and a definite share of these gifts, so that they enrich each other, and become instruments and channels for his goodness and his grace, precisely through the fraternal union of their gifts.*

*It follows from this: The greater the number of believers who are united among themselves, the richer is the resulting flow of grace for all; just as, in the other case, when they are fragmented and at odds with each other, they deprive each other of the most glorious gift of God.”*

The 1875 London Conference that prepared the founding of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System resolved:

*“Whereas, in the providence of God, the time seems to have come when Reformed churches may all more fully manifest their essential oneness, have closer communion with each other, and promote great causes by joint action, it is agreed to form a Presbyterian Alliance to meet in General Council from time to time in order to confer upon matters of common interest and to further the ends for which the Church has been constituted by her Divine Lord and only King.”*

100 years ago, at the 12th General Council 1925 in Cardiff, the Swiss theologian Karl Barth called upon the World Alliance to move from a confessional to a confessing body that is able to say:

*“We, here, now, confess this!”*

- Psalm 89:15

**Psalm 89:15**

Marcell Silva Steuernagel

Bles - sed are those who have learned to ac - claim you, who

3 walk in the light of your pre - sence. Bles - sed are those who have

6 learned to ac - claim you, who walk in the light of your pre - sence.

In 1954, at the 17th General Council in Princeton, the “Youth corresponding members called for a stronger role of the Youth in the Allianceto adress the challenges of the time:

*“Strive to break down racial barriers, to promote understanding between classes and people, to provide an opportunity for every man to enjoy his share of God’s bounty. [...] Work with those who are seeking to promote peace and righteousness among nations, recognizing that there will be no immunity against*

*irretrievable disaster until the new powers that have been put at our disposal through scientific discovery have been made available for human welfare instead of human destruction.”*

In 1970, the World Alliance covenanted with the Congregational Council:

*“We, covenant together  
to seek in all things the mind of Christ,  
to make common witness to his gospel,  
to serve his purpose in all the world.  
And, in order to be better equipped  
for the tasks he lays upon us,  
to form this day  
the new World Alliance of Reformed Churches.  
Lord keep us faithful to yourself and to our fellowmen.  
Amen.”*

In 1984, the 21st General Council in Ottawa declared a status confessionis in South Africa:

*“We declare, with Black Reformed Christians of South Africa, that apartheid is a sin, and that the moral and theological justification of it is a travesty of the gospel, and in persistent disobedience to the Word of God, a theological heresy.”*

- Psalm 89:15

In 2004, at the 24th Council in Accra, the World Alliance adopted the Accra Confession. The proceedings were marked by the experience of visiting the slave castles on the Atlantic coast. The closing worship gave language to the experience:

*“Some of us are descended from those slave traders and slave owners, and others of us are descendants of those who were enslaved. We shared responses of tears, silence, anger, and lamentation... as we listened to the voices of today from our global fellowship, we discovered the mortal danger of repeating the same sin of those whose blindness we decried.”*

In 2010, at the Uniting General Council in Grand Rapids, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Synod united and formed the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The message of Grand Rapids calls to communion and commits to justice:

*Called to communion and committed to justice:*

*“We pray for those living in divided communities who long for reconciliation;  
for those whose voices go unheard, whose gifts are not valued, whose humanity is not respected; those under oppression and persecution:*

*We pray for the earth, the water and the air as they suffer from human exploitation of natural resources, and for all those who suffer from the devastating effects of climate change. (Rom 8:21-22)*

*Called to communion and committed to justice:*

*We give thanks to God for the rich experience of being in communion in the World Communion of Reformed Churches and of being drawn together as partners in God's mission to the world.*

- Psalm 89:15

## 5. Greetings from Past and Present Presidents

Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak, WARC President 1982 - 1990

Professor Jane Dempsey Douglas, WARC President 1990 - 1997 (By Video)

Rev. Dr. Kadarmanto Hardjowasito, REC President 2000 - 2005.

Rev. Najla Kassab Aboussawan - Current President of the WCRC

- Musical offering by Local Choir

## 6. Scripture reading, Hebrews 12:1-3

## 7. Sermon: Let us Persevere in our Ecumenical Witness! - Rev. Prof. Jerry Pillay, WCC General Secretary

- Responsorial Hymn : Entouré d'une nuée de témoins (We're surrounded by the saints)

Andrew Donaldson: Canada

En - tour - é d'u - ne nu - ée de té - moins, in - spi - ré par l'ex - em - ple des  
saints, re - je - tons tout far - deau, ré - sis - tons le pé - ché, et cou - rons, cou - rons cou -  
rons a - vec per - sé - vé - ran - ce, les yeux fix - és sur Jé - sus. Cou - rons, cou - rons, cou -  
rons a - vec per - sé - vé - ran - ce, les yeux fix - és sur Jé - sus.

### English

We're surrounded by the saints in a throng;

their example of faith is our song.

Let us leave ev'ry weight, set aside ev'ry sin.

Let us run, we'll run, we'll run with the joy of our witness

the race God sets before us.

Let us run, we'll run, we'll run with the joy of our witness

the race God sets before us.

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## 8. Nicene Creed (all together)

"We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he

ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

- Song: Amen (afro-american spiritual)

## 9. Call to Life in Communion

- We celebrate the Unity of the Spirit

Barbara Boetje 2009

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### Français

Nous célébrons l'unité, l'unité de l'Esprit dans les liens de\_la paix.  
 Nous célébrons l'unité, l'unité de l'Esprit dans les liens de\_la paix.  
 Dans les liens, les liens de la paix, la paix, et das l'unité soyons une lumière dans le monde.

### Deutsch

Wir feiern jetzt die Eingkeit in dem Geiste in dem Friedensbund.

Wir feiern jetzt die Eingkeit in dem Geiste in dem Friedensbund.  
 In dem Friedensbund finden wir Einheit in der Einheit sind wir das Licht für unsere Welt.

### Español

Unidos en tu Espíritu celebramos en amor y\_en paz.  
 Unidas en tu Espíritu celebramos en amor y\_en paz.  
 Cuando\_hay paz, oh Dios, siempre\_hay unidad,  
 Y\_si hay unidad nuestro mundo\_haremos brillar.

## Communion of Love

L1: As the World Communion of Reformed Churches, we believe in the Triune God, the communion of love that calls us into communion:

L2: Communion in Godself, who loves all things visible and invisible into being and calls them good.

L3: Communion with the broken body of Christ, who redeems and transforms our fallen world.

L3: Communion through the Spirit who indwells and enlivens all and everything.

L1: We believe that this call draws us into ever-widening communion:

L2: Embracing the whole human family

L3: and the fullness of creation

**All: As the World Communion of Reformed Churches, we hear the call to make this communion visible and witness it to the world.**

- Trinity Song (Sandra McCracken. Tr. G. Oberman) (Soloist)

So o - plo di - vi - no, Hi - jo, Pa - dre,  
co - mu - nión ben - di - ta, Tri - no Dios.  
Ven con tu paz, ven con tu lla - ma - do,  
u - ne/a tu pue - blo/en tu/in - men - so/a - mor.

// Holy Father, Son and Spirit. Holy communion, Three-in-One. //  
// Come with your peace, with your invitation. Bind us together in holy love. //  
// Soplo divino, Hijo, Padre, comunión bendita, Trino Dios. //  
// Ven con tu paz, ven con tu llamado, une\_a tu pueblo\_en tu santo\_ amor. //

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## Discerning

L1: As Christians of the Reformed tradition, we hear this call to communion as a commission to discern together:

L2: Together, we listen to God's Word.

L3: We seek the guidance of God's Spirit to discern the signs of the times.

*Speaker 3:* We believe that such discernment happens best in the broadest possible circle of voices and perspectives

**All: We long to be open, we desire to hear, we want to learn, and we hope that we are teachable.**

### **Confessing**

*L1:* As Christians of the Reformed tradition, we understand that such discernment urges us to confess together:

*L2:* We receive with gratitude the creeds and confessions born in our history, as testimony of the faithful who have gone on before us,

*L3:* We acknowledge that we, here, now are called to confess the faith anew in our time as they did in theirs.

**All: We, here, now, confess with the church of all ages and places that Jesus Christ is Lord of all areas of our whole life, personal, public, and political, cultural, social, and economic.**

- Trinity Song (Group)

### **Confession of Guilt to the Christians in the Anabaptist Confession**

*L1:* As a Communion of churches, deeply aware of our fragility and fallibility, our fear and failure.

*L2:* We acknowledge and lament our past and ongoing complicities, silences, and lack of faithfulness.

*L3:* We recognize that injustice and conflict scar and scandalize our one body.

**All: We pray that the Living God may renew and transform us**

*L1:* This year, we remember the voluntary baptism of adults in Zurich 500 years ago that soon led to the persecution of Anabaptists and then to a long period of estrangement.

*L2:* Today, as Christians from the Anabaptist and Reformed traditions, we acknowledge together that our two traditions, though born in the same renewal movement, have been divided by deeply held convictions concerning baptism, biblical hermeneutics, and the role of the state.

*L3:* We confess and lament that we have lived alongside each other for many centuries without questioning or exploring this division in the Body of Christ.

*Reformed:* As Reformed Christians, we acknowledge that we have largely suppressed the memory of the persecution of the Anabaptists. We confess that this persecution was, according to our present conviction, a betrayal of the Gospel.

*Anabaptist:* As Anabaptist Christians, we acknowledge that we have often overlooked the deep theological roots we share with the Reformed tradition. We confess that too often our convictions, ideals, and memory of martyrdom have fostered self-righteousness and a reluctance to see the face of Christ in our Reformed sisters and brothers.

**All: We confess that we have failed to embody the God-given unity of the church visibly so that the world could believe.**

### **Witnessing**

*L1:* Our Reformed and Anabaptist traditions remind us that discerning and confessing move us to witnessing together.

*Reformed:* We receive God’s call from our shared beginnings in Zurich, which urged the Church to live anew in obedience to Christ, and in the witness of those who demanded the end of persecution and strived for religious freedom.

*Anabaptist:* We hear God’s call to unity and peace when we discern Scripture and partake in baptism and the Lord’s Supper – even as we recognize and explore our differences in understanding baptism.

*Reformed:* We give thanks that our traditions have blessed us with a passion for justice and peace.

*Anabaptist:* Today, our different emphases can enrich each other as we eagerly work for justice and peace to embrace and kiss, as they do in Christ.

**All: The Gospel calls us to work for a world where justice, peace, and the wholeness of creation will allow every living being to flourish in fullness.**

- Trinity Song (Congregation)

### Confirming the Partnership with the Council of World Mission

*LI:* For many years, the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Council for World Mission have been covenanting together for justice in the economy and the earth.

*WCRC:* The story of Jesus tells a story of adversity in the midst of Empire—the gospels, however, articulate defiance in the face of death. The story of resurrection tells a story of hope.

*CWM:* Our stories today parallel the story of Jesus in the midst of Empire. Like the disciples and apostles, we ask: How can we best follow the example of Jesus in his response to Empire?

*WCRC:* In the Accra Confession, Reformed Churches have responded to these questions, stating “that the integrity of our faith is at stake if we remain silent or refuse to act in the face of the current system of neoliberal economic globalization.”

*CWM:* CWM and WCRC share a common mission to live out the fullness of life through Christ for all creation.

*WCRC:* CWM and WCRC share a commitment to justice that is rooted in the theological understanding that justice is at the heart of faith and of mission.

*LI:* Remembering these common faith commitments, the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Council for World Mission recommit to their partnership:

**All: In living out these commitments, we long to persevere in our witness together.**

- Persevere in your witness

Gerardo Oberman

Per-se-vere in your wit - ness, per-ser-vere. Per-se-vere in your wit - ness, per-ser-vere.

Act with jus - tice, walk with God, hum - bly day by day. Per-se-vere in your wit - ness, per-ser-vere.

### Deutsch

Stehe fest, fest im Glauben, bleibe fest.  
Bleibe fest, voll Vertrauen, bleibe fest.  
Leb in Demut,  
geh mit Gott,  
üb' Gerechtigkeit.  
Stehe fest, fest im Glauben, bleibe fest.

### Français

Rejetons tout fardeau, persévérons.  
Résistons le péché, persévérons.

Témoignons tout humblement,  
marchon avec Dieu.  
Et soyons ses témoins, persévérons.

### Español

Persevera en tu testimonio fiel.  
Con justicia, junto a Dios,  
siempre en humildad.  
Persevera en tu testimonio fiel.

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### **Being Reformed Together**

*L1:* As we covenant together, we rejoice in working with all partners God provides.

*L2:* For us, to be Reformed is to be ecumenical

*L3:* We collaborate eagerly with people of other communions and faith traditions and convictions.

### **All: We seek the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace with all**

*L1:* In this celebration, the World Communion of Reformed Churches gathers together with the Lutheran World Federation, the World Methodist Council, the Anglican Communion, the Roman Catholic Church, the Pentecostal World Fellowship, the Salvation Army, and the World Council of Churches to reaffirm our commitment to receive God's gift to the unity of the church.

*Catholic:* The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, to which the Reformed associated in 2017, stated that a "consensus in basic truths exists" in regard to the theological controversy, which was a major cause of the split in the Western church in the sixteenth century. The signatories and associates of the JDDJ committed themselves to continue dialogue "to reach full church communion [...], in which remaining differences would be 'reconciled' and no longer have divisive force."

*Methodist:* In our letter of association with the JDDJ, Methodists have emphasized the deep connection between justification and sanctification. This conviction is the foundation of many church unions between Methodists and Reformed across the globe.

*Lutheran:* In the Wittenberg Witness, Lutherans and Reformed have committed themselves to exploring new forms of life together that will more fully express the communion that Lutherans and Reformed already have in Christ.

*Anglican:* In our last dialogue, we have confirmed that our communions are formed and moulded by *koinonia* [...]. Anything less than the fullness of relationship and reconciliation is simply incomplete. When we do not receive one another in *koinonia*, we experience the emptiness and loss as a wound, both individually and collectively. [...] We pray and work for the day when *koinonia* will be fully received as God desires, when the Church has grown into the full stature of Christ, and Christ will be all in all.

*Pentecostal:* In our last dialogue, we have committed ourselves “to encourage and promote dialogue among Reformed and Pentecostal Christians in different contexts, and discern the work of the Holy Spirit together, within the context of the broader Church in order to discover where God is leading us in accord with the Divine mission.

*WCC:* The World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) have a long history of partnership based on their shared commitment to Christian unity, justice, and witness. Their collaboration includes theological dialogue, joint advocacy, and coordinated efforts on global issues such as economic justice, climate change, and peacebuilding. A notable example of this partnership is the New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) initiative, where both organisations work with other ecumenical partners to challenge systemic economic injustices and support a more equitable global financial order.

### **Rite of the Washing of the Feet**

*L1:* Yesterday, the WCRC’s General Council formally received a statement drafted with representatives of the Mennonite World Conference titled “Restoring Our Family to Wholeness: Seeking a Common Witness.”

*L2:* Today, we continue our journey to make visible our reconciled relationship by a ceremony of foot washing, as we already did at the 500th anniversary celebration of the first voluntary baptisms in Zurich.

*L3:* As we hear passages drawn from this statement, Mennonite World Conference general secretary César García and World Communion of Reformed Churches interim general secretary Setri Nyomi will wash each other’s feet as a tangible expression of our commitment to reconciliation.

*Reformed:* We have confessed the common origin of our churches and the pain of its fracturing. We ask God to bless the rediscovery of shared understandings of the Gospel so that they might inspire evangelism and peacemaking.

*Anabaptist:* In the presence of representatives of the whole church, the Mennonite World Conference and the World Communion of Reformed Churches make a common witness to the unity of the church.

*Reformed:* Today, we commemorate the common origins of our global communions, acknowledge our fractured relationship, [...] and rejoice that, building on efforts over many years toward mutual understanding and reconciliation, we can respond to Christ our Peace by living into the unity of the Spirit. Bound together, [...] we pledge to be humble, patient, truthful, and, above all, loving, as we walk together as one body of Christ.

*Anabaptist* Gathered under God’s loving gaze, we celebrate that our identity is found in our common confession of Jesus as Lord, our shared ancestors in the faith, and our common call to discipleship and gospel witness in a fragmented world.

*Reformed:* Our traditions have blessed us with a passion for justice and peace. . . . May the God of the cross and the resurrection give us the heart and the mind to pursue peace and to practice the justice that resists violence, oppression, and ecological devastation, a justice that finds its fullest expression in forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation.

*Anabaptist* Today, as Anabaptist and Reformed members of Christ’s body, we affirm that our witness to the world is nourished and sustained by God’s grace, which enables us to love God, each other, and all creation.

*WCRC GS:* We commit ourselves to the sacred mission of proclaiming the Gospel of love in all our contexts, each with their own challenges and demands. We will not let fear, mistrust, or obstacles to dialogue keep us from this calling.

*MWC GS:* We promise to journey together to heal the wounds of the past and to re-member the body of Christ. We pledge to learn from each other by sharing the richness and diversity of our traditions. We bind ourselves to purposeful cooperation that affirms God’s mercy and opens doors to the justice that leads to peace.

*WCRC GS:* Together, we pray for the body of Christ. In Christ we are members of one another, brothers and sisters of the same flesh and the same Spirit. . . .

*MWC-GS* Together, we embrace the gift of unity in the belief that you, O God, are restoring your family to wholeness. Amen.

- 하나님은 너를 지키시는 자 - In the Shade of God (Soloist)

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English

In the shade of God who watches over you,  
 neither sun by day nor the moon by night will disturb your holy resting place.  
 God will shield you from their light.  
 Lift your eyes up to the mighty hills.  
 Who will save you? Who will hear you pray?  
 Turn your weary eyes to the God who hears, maker of heaven and earth.

In the hands of God who watches over you,  
 evil has no hold; you can rest secure.  
 God will guard you as you come and go,  
 and will walk with you now and evermore.  
 Lift your eyes up to the mighty hills.  
 Who will save you? Who will hear you pray?  
 Turn your weary eyes to the God who hears, maker of heaven and earth.

## Communion and Worship

*L1:* On our journey, worship sustains us for our work and witness.

*L2:* In worship, we receive true communion,

*L3:* In worship, we are incorporated into Christ and joined together by the Spirit.

*L1:* We give thanks to God and rejoice in this unity which is already ours.

*L2:* This unity is the work of the Triune God.

*L3:* This unity we do not create and cannot destroy

**All:** In our Communion, we come together to make this communion visible in the world. We covenant to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us to the glory of God.

### 10. Offertory (processional)

- Hamba Nathi (traditional Zulu)

South Africa

1. Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu Ham -  
 1. Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long. Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long. Come,

2.  
 lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku -  
 jour - ney is long. the jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long. the

1. lu - lu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu  
 jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long. the jour - ney is long. 2. Lis -

### English

1. Come, walk with us, the journey is long.  
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.
2. Listen to us, our sorrow is great.  
Our sorrow, our sorrow, our sorrow is great.
3. Come, talk with us. You tell us the truth.  
You tell us, you tell us, you tell us the truth.
4. Come, stay with us, the darkness is near.  
The darkness, the darkness, the darkness is near.

5. Come eat with us: our table is yours.  
Our table, our table, our table is yours.
6. You break the bread, we know you at last.  
We know you, we know you, we know you at last.
7. You walk with us: to freedom you lead.  
To freedom, to freedom, to freedom you lead.

*trans. Gerhard Cartford*

### Deutsch

1. Komm, geh mit uns, der Weg ist lang,  
der Weg, der Weg, der Weg ist lang.
2. Höre uns zu, unsere Not ist groß,  
unsere Not, unsere Not, unsere Not ist groß.
3. Komm, sprich mit uns. Du sagst uns die Wahrheit.  
Du sagst, du sagst, du sagst uns die Wahrheit.
4. Komm, bleib bei uns, die Dunkelheit naht,  
die Dunkelheit, die Dunkelheit, die Dunkelheit naht.
5. Komm iss mit uns: unser Tisch ist dein.  
U nser Tisch, unser Tisch, unser Tisch ist dein.
6. Du brichst das Brot, wir erkennen dich endlich.  
W ir erkennen, wir erkennen, wir erkennen dich endlich.
7. Du gehst mit uns: zur Freiheit führst du.  
Zur Freiheit, zur Freiheit, zur Freiheit führst du.

### Español

1. Caminemos, es largo el andar.  
Es largo, es largo, es largo el andar.
2. Óyenos pues es fuerte el dolor.  
Es fuerte, es fuerte, es fuerte el dolor.
3. Háblanos hoy, dinos la verdad.  
Tú dinos, tú dinos, dinos la verdad.
4. Entra en casa, es de noche ya.  
Es noche, es noche, es de noche ya.
5. Nuestra mesa es tuya también.  
Es tuya, es tuya, es tuya también.
6. Partes el pan, te vemos al fin.  
Te vemos, te vemos, te vemos al fin.
7. Tú nos guías a la libertad.  
Nos guías, nos guías a la libertad.


*Trad. G. Oberman*

1. V iens, marche avec nous, le chemin est long,  
le chemin, le chemin, le chemin est long.
2. Écoute-nous, notre chagrin est profond.  
Notre chagrin, notre chagrin, notre chagrin est profond.

3. V iens, parle avec nous. Tu nous dis la vérité.  
Tu nous dis, tu nous dis, tu nous dis la vérité.
4. V iens, reste avec nous, il fera bientôt sombre.  
Il fera bientôt sombre, bientôt sombre, bientôt sombre.
5. V iens manger avec nous: notre table est la tienne.  
Notre table, notre table, notre table est la tienne.
6. Tu romps le pain, nous te reconnaissons enfin.  
Nous te reconnaissons, nous te reconnaissons,  
nous te reconnaissons enfin.
7. Tu marches avec nous: vers la liberté, tu nous guides.  
Vers la liberté, vers la liberté, vers la liberté tu nous guides.

## 11. Closing prayer (Lord's prayer in our various languages)

- Hymn: God of Grace, God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick: USA	John Hughes: Wales
	
<p>1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your power; crown your an - cient          2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that          3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to your con - trol. Shame our reck - less,          4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the search for</p>	
<p>church - 's sto - ry; bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,          long have bound us - free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,          sel - fish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,          your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,</p>	
<p>grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.          grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.          grant us cour - age, make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.          grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.</p>	

### Spanish

Dios de gracia, Dios de gloria,  
 danos presto tu poder;  
 a tu antigua iglesia adorna  
 con un nuevo florecer.  
 Danos luz y valentía  
 // en la hora del deber. //

Hoy las fuerzas del maligno  
 nos acosan sin cesar;  
 de temor y duda Cristo  
 puede el alma resguardar.  
 Danos luz y valentía  
 // para nunca desmayar. //

Nuestros odios inhumanos  
 cura con tu inmenso amor;  
 líbranos de goces vanos,  
 sin conciencia o sin valor.  
 Danos luz y valentía  
 // frente a toda tentación. //

Líbranos de resignarnos,  
 insensibles, frente al mal;  
 sea nuestro anhelo santo  
 reflejar tu eterno ideal.  
 Danos luz y valentía  
 // para hacer tu voluntad. //

*Transl. Federico Pagura*

## **12. Blessing**

May God,  
Creator of all,  
bless you with vision to see beyond borders  
and love that unites across all differences.

May Christ,  
our Liberator,  
walk with you in all things,  
bringing peace where there is none.

And may the Spirit,  
breath of life,  
fill you with courage and hope,  
with joy and with passion to love without end.

Go in the grace of the Triune One—  
one faith, one people, one heart. Amen.

## **13. Music & Recession**