

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly father we have gathered here this morning, acknowledging that we are your people, and seeking your holy presence. Lord we confess that we are eager for your grace. We are happy to accept forgiveness for ourselves, but we are reluctant to show that same love and grace to others. Lord we confess that we earnestly pray for your blessings upon our friends and family, but are less enthusiastic when praying for strangers. Lord we pray that you will open our eyes that we may see, open our hearts that we may love, and that you will grant us the courage to proclaim your gospel to all who are in darkness. Finally, Lord, we pray that you will guide our thoughts, our words, and especially our actions as we seek to live lives wholly devoted to you. We ask all of this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen**