

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph we have come to this time and place to worship You and bring glory to Your name by all that we do. Through the ages You have reached out to us, patiently guiding us, and continually illuminating our path with Your truth and mercy. We confess that for most of the time we have been reluctant students at best and defiant children the rest of the time. When You called Moses to be Your agent to free Your people from bondage in Egypt he wanted You to send another. When You sent word to Jonah to carry Your message to the people of Nineveh he ran away. Lord, we confess that to often we have ignored Your good advice and followed our own desires. Yet despite our foolishness You are always there waiting for us with open, loving arms. Lord, we pray that you will give us the wisdom to discern what it is you are calling us to become, and courage to love others as you have loved us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**