

Litany of Commitment to the Mission of CUMC

November 5, 2023

One: Holy Trinity, one God:

For your gifts of life, relationships, purpose, and for the abundant blessings which you continually bestow upon us:

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

One: For our redemption through Christ's blood, for our adoption as children of God, and for the promise of eternal life:

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

One: For the founding of Community UMC in 1947; for the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit to the present time, and for our renewal in faith and mission:

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

One: Continue to lead and guide us, O Lord, along pathways of truth and righteousness.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

One: Help us to trust in you fully, so that we will give our lives, our loved ones, our cares, our resources, our church, and our mission entirely into your hands.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

One: Above all, use us, O God, as instruments of your love in the world.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Use us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in a world where bad news abounds.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Use our lives as living examples of Christ in the world, giving himself in love.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Use our talents to bring Christ to all people and to bring them to him.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Use our resources and our offerings to undergird and continually expand our ministry in our community, in our cooperative parish, and in our world.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Use our church as a holy place to encounter you, a refuge in the storm, a portal of peace, a fountain of forgiveness, a school for learning, a resource for equipping, and a center for mission. Use us to reach out to the lonely, the despairing, the poor, the despised, the sick, the grieving, the dying, and the hopeless -- those we know and those we do not know; help us to touch them with your healing power that they might find hope and renewal, forgiveness and faith, wholeness and purpose in you.

All: Use us, O God.

One: Almighty and all-loving God, we are nothing without you and without your love. And yet with you, we have all that we need: for life, for love, for faith, for strength, for purpose, for mission. Because you have called us, loved us, and saved us through your Son, we are your Church in this place. Guide and direct us, your church, in your love. Bless our work to the increase of your kingdom. Work miracles among us and with us and through us, so that our ministry may continually grow, and so that many more may be called, loved, and saved through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen