

Call to Confession and Words of Assurance

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Call to Confession:

Holy God, although we are people who have so much of material things, we are often held in bondage to them. We are not free of our belongings and of wanting more. We are not free of addictions, of feeling guilty, of our pasts, which cloud our present. We are not free of our opinions, of our need to avoid change, and we are not free to become the people you have created us to be. Because we are not free, we cannot love. In our confession, we come into your presence in our bondage, asking to be set free.

Words of Assurance:

Through the generosity of God, through the grace of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and was resurrected, through the presence of God in the Holy Spirit, your confession is heard, you are received, you are made whole again. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!