

## Welcome & Explanation

**Song** Come, Let us Use the Grace Divine UMH 606

### Call to Worship

One: As we begin this time of renewing our covenant before God, let us prepare ourselves for worship with prayer.

**Many: O God, we are yours! We are your people. We are your children.**

O: We come together to recognize you as Lord of our lives and to thank you for your Grace.

**M: And we come today to recommit ourselves to our relationship with you.**

O: Search us and know us.

**M: Remove anything that holds us back from you.**

O: May your Spirit be with us now, speak your Word to our very souls.

**M: And have mercy on us, today and always.**

**All: We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Scripture** 2 Chronicles 34:29-32 CEB

**Litany of Thanksgiving** - Sung Responses UMH 102

**R**="Now thank we all our God, with heart and hand and voices"

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.

...which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place. **R**

...and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers. **R**

...and the witness of your Church. **R**

...and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors. **R**

**Song** Now Thank We All Our God. UMH 102

**Scripture** John 15:1-8 CEB

### Proclamation of Covenant Renewal

#### Invitation to Renew Your Covenant with God

...Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**Let me be your servant, under your command.**

**I will no longer be my own.**

**I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**Lord, make me what you will.**

**I put myself fully into your hands:**

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,**

**let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,**

**let me be full, let me be empty,**

**let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and with a willing heart**

**give it all to your pleasure and disposal.**

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To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

#### **Admonition 1:**

Take Time to Be Holy vs. 1 UMH 395

#### **Admonition 2:**

How Great Thou Art vs. 1 UMH 77

#### **Admonition 3:**

Standing on the Promises vs. 1 UMH 374

#### **Admonition 4:**

I Surrender All vs. 1 UMH 354

**Admonition 5:**

Are Ye Able vs. 1 UMH 530

**Covenant Prayer**

{Response throughout}

L: Almighty God, we come to you with our whole hearts.

P: Have mercy on us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrating God's Generosity Through Our Own**

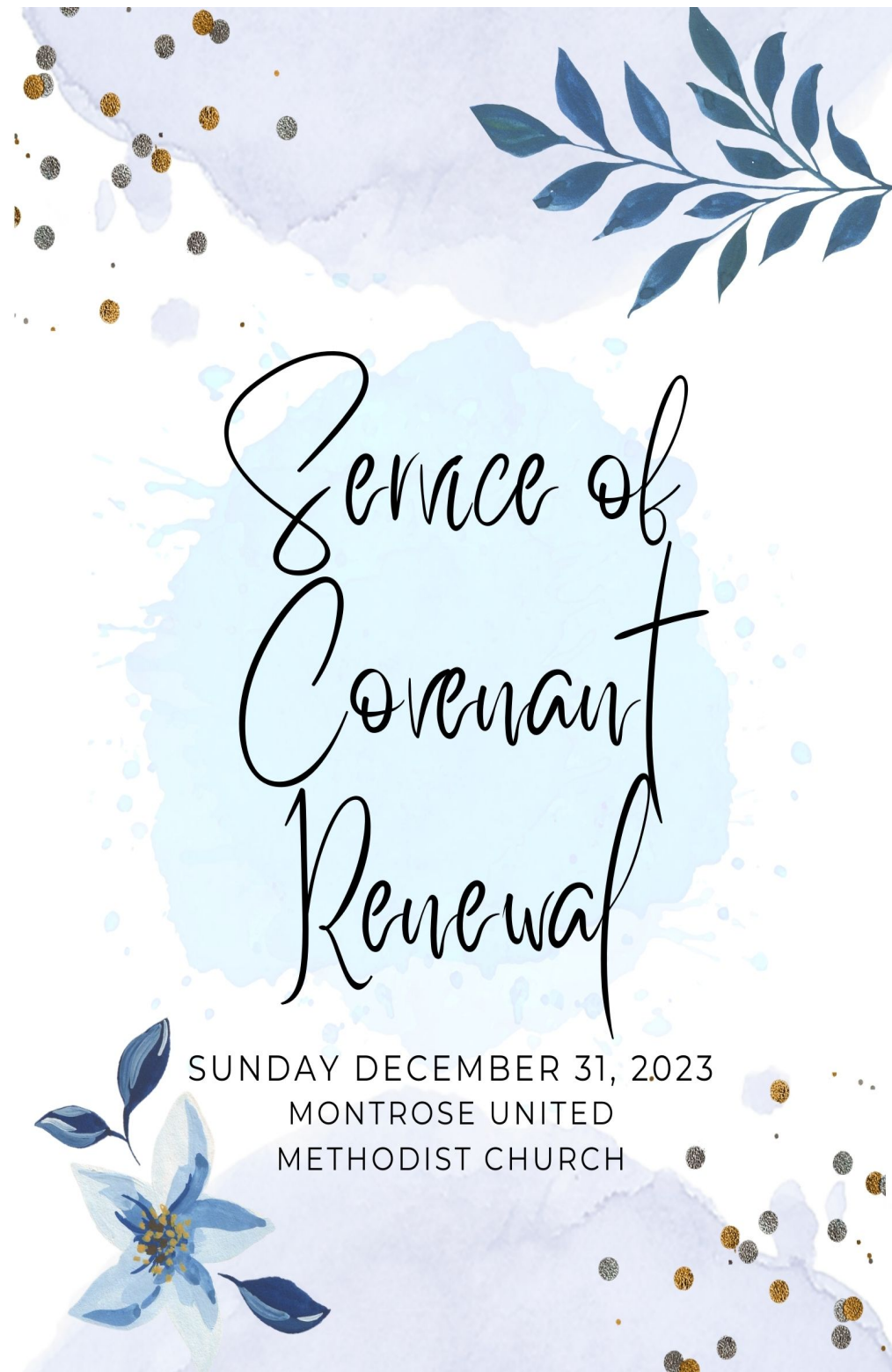
**Doxology #94**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, as we present these gifts before you, we recognize that all we have is a gift from your generous hand. May these offerings be a reflection of our trust in your providence and a tangible expression of our commitment to your kingdom work. As we have renewed our covenantal relationships with you, Holy One, may our lives be a living testimony to the fulfillment of this covenant. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

**Song** Blessed Assurance UMH 369

**Sending Forth**



Service of  
Covenant  
Renewal

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