

New Members' Litany

March, 2021

Welcome and Introduction of Candidates

Address and Questions of the Candidates

Deacon: However it is that you have come today, we rejoice that you are here and have chosen to become a member of Rock Spring United Church of Christ. We are an inclusive, caring, justice-seeking, joyful community of faith that is called to embody God's love through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We celebrate diversity and believe that all people are included in God's unconditional love and grace.

Therefore, will you covenant with us to attend worship, invite and welcome others, and move forward on your spiritual journey with us?

New Members: I will, with the help of God.

Deacon: Will you covenant with us to seek daily to live and act in ways that help make Jesus' example of God's love for all people real, and to support this church and its ministries by giving as you are able of your time, talent, and financial resources?

New Members: I will, with the help of God.

Deacon: Will you covenant with us to further God's work and reflect the teachings of Jesus by standing with those who suffer and serving all humanity?

New Members: I will, with the help of God and this faith community.

Pastor: Do you then, as persons who have affirmed these covenants, seek to become one in spirit with the members of Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Members of the family of God, I commend to you these persons. Do all in your power to affirm their faith journey, strengthen their hope, and embrace them in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for the faith God has worked within you. We welcome you wherever you are on your faith journey with our love, acceptance, and respect. We pledge to work together as a community of faith to provide opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, celebration, and service. We promise to give spiritual and emotional care and support in times of need; and to be faithful as fellow stewards of God's grace. Together we will work for peace and social, economic and ecological justice and strive to bring about the world that we believe God intends.