

Wednesday evening Jubilee Ceremony

Leader: We have all taken vows. Some more recently; many of us, years ago.

As we renew our promises, we join in Sophia's dance.

Dance with us, Sophia, as we once again pledge ourselves to follow in Your sacred dance!

Prayer Readers:

Commitment

Wise and Faithful Guide,
you lovingly abide in my depths
and graciously guide my every step.
You lead me to ever stronger growth
and draw me more fully toward inner freedom.
I thank you today for the awesome ways
in which you constantly enter my life
as I pledge my heart to you again.

This day I renew my life's purpose
of being faithful to our relationship.
I give you my openness,
trusting that you will lead me on paths
that are meant to help me grow.
I re-commit my intention
to listen to you in all of life.

I promise you my daily discipleship
so that I may be an instrument of your love.
Most of all, I give you the loyalty of my heart.
May I do all in the circle of your wisdom
and learn from your dance of compassion
in every corner of this universe.

Source of Inner Luminosity,
thank you for being a loving radiance.
May the lantern of your perpetual goodness
always shine in me and through me.

Leader: We are gathered to celebrate the journey of faith and service our five sisters have taken.
They have spent their lives dancing with Sophia in joy and with community.
We take strength from their commitment to be among God's people as teachers,
sharing what they have learned, giving generously of their talent, time and efforts.
This afternoon we heard their stories and learned of the struggles and accomplishments
they've had in this amazing journey.
Tonight we call on them, one by one,
to hear their statement of gratitude and declaration of renewed dedication.

First we call on **Mary Ann Wachtel** to come forward share her renewed committment.
(A sharing from Mary Ann)

We extend our hands to pray for Mary Ann as she continues in her path of faithfulness.
**Sophia, we thank You for the courage and strength Mary Ann has witnessed
throughout her religious life.
Give her fortitude and joy in her future work. Amen**

Leader: Next we ask **Virgie Azcueta** to stand before us
to tell what she is thankful for within her many years of service:
(A sharing from Virgie)

We extend our hands to bless Virgie and give her strength to continue in her path of faithfulness.
**Sophia, we thank You for all the ways we have witnessed Virgie
dance Your love to those she touches in her travels.
Give her fortitude and joy in her future work. Amen**

Leader: Now we ask **Ann McGinn** to come to us thru Zoom and give us her statement.
(A sharing from Ann)

We extend our hands to bless Ann in gratitude for her generosity in her path of faithfulness.
**Sophia, we thank You for the inspiration of music that Ann has shared with so many.
Give her fortitude and joy in her future work. Amen**

Leader: And if **Roberta Winkels** would come and give her testimony
of the commitment and life she's offered to God's people.
(A sharing from Roberta)

We extend our hands to bless Roberta and give her courage in her path of faithfulness.
**Sophia, we thank you for the efforts and love that Roberta shares with those she ministers to.
Give her fortitude and joy in her future work. Amen**

Leader: And finally we ask **Monica Sesko** to step forward and state her desire to continue in vowed life.
(A sharing from Monica)

We extend our hands to bless Monica and give her discernment in her path of faithfulness.
Sophia, we thank you for the example that Monica has given us in unselfish love and caring.
Give her fortitude and joy in her future work. Amen

Leader: And now we invite our Jubilarians and all their sisters present,
to again renew their vows to continue to dance in the commitment
that Sophia has brought to us as Community.
Please stand.

As a member of Sisters For Christian Community,
I commit myself to God and God's people by listening, loving and serving.
I do this as to birth a new understanding of the reign of God.
Open to the Spirit, I seek to passionately live Gospel values
in order to build a global community where all will be One.

Companions on the Journey

Refrain:

We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing Life!
And in the Love we bear is the Hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God! We believe in the love of our God!

Verse One:

No longer strangers to each other. No longer strangers in God's house.
We are fed and we are nourished
By the strength of those who care! By the strength of those who care!

Verse Two:

We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord,
To act with justice, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with our God! To walk humbly with our God!