# 2021 COMMITMENTS AND CELEBRATION consecration of pledges and gifts to the Lord

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Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

# Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death, they are like the new grass of the morning:

#### Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us,

#### Yes, establish the work of our hands.<sup>1</sup>

Today we renew our promises with our church

We promise to participate in its ministry

We come to the Lord our God as His people

We promise to grow in step by step in our relationship with Jesus Christ

# Through our prayer, Bible reading, worship attendance, witness, financial gifts, and service.

Today we dedicate our financial gifts to you, O God.

Help us to use them to glorify your name;

#### **Use us and our financial gifts, O God, to do your work in this world** *We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.*

### Inspire us all to be ministers in your vineyard

Yes, establish the work of our hands

### Use us for your service.

Let us pray over these and other pledges and many other gifts:

Gracious giver of our days, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless supply, we give a portion of that in these gifts and in thankful offering of ourselves in praise to you, O God, blessing these gifts in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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