## COVENANT STATEMENT

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be His people & to obey His laws. We stand within the new covenant made by the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ; We bear His name, we are initiated into this covenant by baptism, dying with Christ, being buried with Christ, & rising with Christ to a life of faith & hope & love. In the strength of the covenant which He has made with His people, let us bind ourselves anew to God; who has so graciously bound Himself to us. And let us gladly take the yoke of Christ upon us. Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, some are difficult; some bring sorrow, others bring reproach; some are suited to our natural inclinations & material interests, others are contrary to both. In some we please Christ & please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all things is given us in Christ who strengthens us.

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