

## **Core Values of Covenant Worship**

"When Covenanters worship, we celebrate God's story through expressions rooted in our culture. Our worship creates a sense of intimacy with both God and one another and forms us into a community of disciples of Christ."

### **I. We celebrate God's Story**

- The story of the Triune God, God of Old and New Testaments
- The story of God's saving acts, begun at creation, continued in the covenants with the people of Israel and ultimately revealed primarily in the *Paschal Mystery*, that is the dying and rising of Jesus Christ
- The story is empowered by the Holy Spirit
- The story is proclaimed in Word and Sacrament to and through the body of Christ, the Church
- The story as revealed in our Covenant heritage and all who share our common life

### **II. Rooted in Culture**

- Rooted in the Incarnation we
  - celebrate through human expressions of Beauty, Joy, Sorrow, Confession and Praise, and
  - through the generosity of the Spirit, though many, speak with one voice

### **III. Experience intimacy**

- The intimacy of a personal experience of God
- Through interdependent relationships with one another
- Leads to transformation
  - in new life in Christ, and
  - growth in this new life in Christ

### **IV. Forming Disciples**

- As all who worship fully participate in the prayers of the church
- With integrity and congruence of faith and life
- Forming a prophetic vision of kingdom and world