

# Call to Authenticity and Commitment – Living in God’s Promise

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we’d do it differently.

**People: Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.**

Leader: Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

**People: That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: Stick with us patiently,

**People: and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can’t produce.**

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

**People: God, even in our mistrust and wanting more, we will live in your promise and seek a deeper relationship with you.**

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