

## Confessing our sin

Leader: We think that who we are makes us heir to God's kingdom:

**Left: the family we are born into,**

**Right: the name game we play.**

Leader: We think that what we have done makes us citizens of God's nation:

**Left: which school we went to,**

**Right: what agency we volunteered with.**

Leader: We think that what we look like will make us worthy of God's blessing:

**Left: the marks we do (or don't) put on our bodies,**

**Right: the clothes we wear.**

Leader: We think that what we believe will save us from death:

**Left: the laws we follow to the letter,**

**Right: the certitudes we're confident we know because we've verified them.**

*All: We want who we are,  
where we come from,  
what we have done,  
what we believe  
to be enough.  
Like Nicodemus, we do not understand  
how to be reborn.  
We speak only about what we know,  
testify only to what we can prove.  
Lord, hear our prayer. [Silence]*

## Claiming our assurance

Leader: Let go of who you are,  
let go of where you come from,  
let go of what you have done,  
let go of what you believe.  
Receive new birth;  
open your hands to God's gift of a  
transformed life.

*All: For the gift of Jesus Christ is the gift of  
rebirth as a child of God,  
an heir to the heavenly kingdom,  
and is ours through faith and not  
our works.*