

# Confession and Assurance – The Way of Peace

*(Read in unison)*

God, you who established a covenant to renounce violence,  
we confess that we have tried to eliminate our enemies  
and failed to protect the vulnerable people  
with whom we share your earth.

Forgive and transform us,  
so that every time we are reminded of your signature bow  
we will follow in your way of peace. Amen.

The Lord does not remember the sins of our youth,  
nor the transgressions of our old age,  
but, in steadfast love, God remembers us.  
Let us follow in the footsteps of Jesus,  
confident that the words he heard are also for us:  
“You are my beloved; in you I am well pleased.”

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