

## Our vow: A Confirmation Worship Evening

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This worship evening will explore the vow that we make to God on our confirmation day. Included are some ideas for speaking parts, Bible verses, and song suggestions. If you will have confirmands this year – perhaps speak to them about their ideas or if they would want to contribute by writing or speaking a part.

**Confirmation** is a commitment of faithfulness to God and a blessing on that commitment. In the vow, we make a series of promises that we will strive to fulfill as we live as a disciple of Christ.

*I **renounce** Satan and all his work and ways, and **surrender** myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in **belief**, **obedience**, and the earnest resolution to **remain** faithful to You until my end. Amen.*

**Renounce:** *to refuse to follow, obey, or recognize any further with no possibility of resuming; disowning; often implies a sacrifice for a greater end*

Renouncing has the implication of turning away from something. In 1 Peter, we find two verses that encourage us in our constant battle against evil:

1 Peter 3:11-12 *Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.*

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...*

This is what we proclaim when we renounce the devil – that we are called out of the darkness, into God's marvelous light.

Song ideas:

- *Marvelous light – Ellie Holcomb*  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/26911/marvelous-light-sheet-music>
- *The gospel changes everything – Meredith Andrews*  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/23621/the-gospel-changes-everything-sheet-music>
- *245H I need Thee every hour*
- *77H Christ living in me*

**Surrender:** *to give oneself up into the power of another; implies giving up after a struggle*

This last part of the definition is so interesting – *to give up after a struggle*. It's not easy to surrender ourselves, to surrender our will – it will always be a fight. These verses from 1 Timothy inspire us to fight this battle each day:

1 Timothy 6:11-12 *But you, O man of God... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Song ideas:

- *I surrender – Hillsong*  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/22812/i-surrender-sheet-music>
- *Take my life – Chris Tomlin (or 106H / 107H)*  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/2164/take-my-life-sheet-music>

- [87H / 88H I surrender all](#)
- [Only Jesus – Brian Johnson](#)  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/37023/only-jesus-sheet-music>
- [My faith has found a resting place – I am They](#)  
<https://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/tab/i-am-they/resting-place-to-the-cross-chords-1867541>

**Believe:** *to consider to be true; to have a firm or wholehearted conviction*

What do we believe? For the past few months, we've been discussing our Creed in our small group sessions. Our youth also study and discuss what they believe in their THRIVE discussions. Paul sums it up to the Romans:

Romans 10:9-10 *...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

In our heart we believe, but with our mouth we must confess what we believe – let's do that through our next song \_\_\_\_\_.

Song ideas:

- [This I believe](#)  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/25140/this-i-believe-the-creed-sheet-music>
- [186H I know whom I have believed](#)

**Obey:** *to follow the guidance of; to yield to the authority of another; to carry out*

When I hear the word obey, I'm always reminded of the old hymn – *Trust and obey*. The chorus sticks with me particularly: *Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*. God has created us with a purpose in mind – to be the human that he created us to be. And while many people struggle with understanding what the purpose of life is, we can rest in knowing that if we yield our will to God's, we will be living the life we were meant to live. We can reflect on our lives through this verse from Ephesians and our next song:

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

**Suggestion:** Have members of the congregation send in pictures from their confirmation day and make a slide show for reflection while doing an instrumental or solo song.

Song ideas:

- [My heart is filled with thankfulness](#)  
<https://store.gettymusic.com/us/song/my-heart-is-filled-with-thankfulness/>
- [What 'er my God ordains as right](#)  
<https://store.gettymusic.com/us/song/whateer-god-ordains-right/>
- [235H Be Thou my Vision](#)
- [133H Here I am Lord](#)

**Remain:** *to stay with the same person; to stay after others have gone; to continue to be*

**Suggestion:** have members of the congregation write out what it means to them to remain, and have them speak, or make a video collage of members saying what it means to them.

What are we continuing to be? We can read of the first church in Acts 2:

*Acts 2:42, 46-47 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers... So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.*

Jesus has promised us a glorious future, but until He comes, we must continue in keeping our vow, continue in renouncing, surrendering, believing, obeying and finally, praising God for what He has given us.

Song ideas:

- *O praise the name (chorus, verse 4, chorus)*  
<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/27220/o-praise-the-name-anastasis-sheet-music>
- *34 Come, Christians, join to sing*
- *54 O that I had a thousand voices*
- *58 Praise Thou the Lord*