## **Another Service of Sending Forth** The Covenant of the Salt

A covenant sealed with or symbolized with salt is one seen as a solemn promise before God, never to be broken.

Our Lord calls us into the world to show us who we are. PASTOR:

We are sons and daughters of God. TEAM:

Our Lord calls us into the world to show us what we are to do in the world. PASTOR:

God asks, "Whom shall I send?"

We are to deny self, bear the cross and follow after. We have heard You call-TEAM:

ing! Here I am, Lord, I will go if you lead me.

Our Lord calls us into the world to show us how we can make a redemptive PASTOR:

difference. God asks, "Whom shall I send?"

We have heard You calling! Here I am Lord. We will hold Your people in TEAM:

our hearts. We are the salt for the world.

Our Lord calls us into the world offering a covenant, giving us the courage PASTOR:

to be the salt that adds compassionate flavor to an insipid world. God asks,

"Whom shall I send?"

We have heard You calling! Here I am Lord. Pass the salt please! TEAM:

Do this in remembrance of the gift of grace and the cost of discipleship. As PASTOR:

you eat this salt, think of your mission to the world. We will be with you in prayer. God will lead you. (The pastor offers each participant a taste of salt as

this is being read.)

We have many gifts to give to the world. Let us have a part in salting the TEAM:

world, and loving God's people. Here I am, Lord.

CONGREGATION: Continue now in quest of your mission with the taste of salt in your mouths. Go, with your personality open. Go, willing to share your faith and love of God with others. Go, knowing the way at times will be difficult. Go, with the promise of God's grace.

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