

Statement of Faith  
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I believe in one God who eternally exists and is at work in three persons. God, the Father and Creator of all things, brought creation into being out of nothing. As the scriptures reveal, the Father has always been active in sustaining creation and leading it towards fulfillment at the end of days. Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh, is the Redeemer and Reconciler of all things who restores and fulfills ruptured relationships between God and humans, between humans and creation, and amongst humans themselves. As the Great High Priest, he proclaimed to all the steadfast love of God and modeled the compassion, wisdom, and ministry to which all of his disciples are called. As the Lamb of God, he was crucified in our place, taking our sin and death upon himself and conquering them in his resurrection. Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior leads to salvation and regeneration for all people. The Holy Spirit is the continuing presence of both Father and Son on earth, who brings new life throughout creation, and makes possible both freedom and obedience in the lives of disciples. The Holy Spirit brings gifts to the church for its edification and to equip it for service throughout the world.

Human beings are created in the image of God and to live in covenantal relationship with God, each other, and creation. Yet, sin ruptures these relationships, and estranges us from our Creator, causes us to do harm to ourselves and the rest of creation, and veils our eyes from its destructive activities. Yet, we are called to live together in God's covenant community, the church, and to experience God's grace in a unique way. The church is called to the ministry of reconciliation; proclaiming the good news of redemption throughout the earth, as well as advocating, supporting, and working towards healing for the oppressed.

Our ministry is empowered and finds meaning as we gather in community, and especially as we live out our lives' purpose: worship. While Christ's presence is not constrained to any physical structure or specific group of people, the Word-made-flesh is encountered by reading together the written Word, or divinely-inspired scriptures, proclaiming the Word, and in faithfully administering our sacraments. Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In the sacraments, the covenant community is renewed as it witnesses in word and deed to God's love in provision. As we await the renewal of all things in the new heaven and the new earth, we share the good news as disciples that Christ has died, Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.