

Statement of Faith – Rachel Dannar

I believe...

There is one God in this world who is manifested as three persons known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is gracious and loving and seeks always to do good in our life. I am continually amazed at just how much patience, forgiveness, and mercy God has for even one like me. God's covenant with this world has always been one sided as God seeks us out even without our commitment to God. In response to this overwhelming grace of God, we then are called to serve God in gratitude by seeking out relationships of love and service with all of God's creation, including our neighbors near and far.

I believe...

Jesus Christ, known to us as the Son of God, who is fully human and fully divine, came into this world to show us just how much love God has for each and every one of us. Jesus came that we might understand what it is to live a life dedicated to sharing God's agape, unconditional love with one another. Jesus, also, came that we might recognize just how dependent we are on God. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's divine covenant with us, a symbol to us of the length and depth to which God would go to grant us grace and draw us closer to God.

I believe...

The Holy Spirit is the ever-present manifestation of God in this world. The Holy Spirit is the untamable wind that blows in our lives reminding us always that God is indeed with us. The Holy Spirit connects us even more tangibly with one another and grants to us the gifts that God has given us. The Holy Spirit is that whisper in our hearts of God's love and compassion for us. And the Holy Spirit is that powerful sense of peace, rightness with the world, comfort, and hope that abides in, with, and through each of us.

I believe...

As a community of believers and part of the body of Christ, we proclaim God's grace in our lives through worship together, through the reading and proclaiming of the scriptures, and through our service in/with/to the world. We also proclaim God's grace as we celebrate together the sacraments of baptism and communion. As we support each other in our growth as followers of Christ and as we share a meal at God's Table, we are able to remember God's love. It is only with the support and relationship of those around us that we are able to truly grow in our faith and begin to fully experience the awe-inspiring presence of God in our lives.