

## Liz Lindsey Statement of Faith

I believe in a sovereign God who created the earth and all that is in it. God created us in God's image and gave us charge over the land and we are to be stewards of creation. God has been present throughout history and is still active today. God loves me as a parent loves a child, never forsakes me or leaves me.

I believe in Jesus Christ who walked among the poor, showed us how to treat one another, suffered an undeserved death on a cross for us then rose from death to ascend in fulfillment of Scripture and is in heaven with his Father. It is by God's grace (a free gift of love that I do not deserve, cannot earn) that we are forgiven of sin through Jesus Christ. Our response is serving Jesus in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe the HS is the breath of God given to us. The HS helps me to discern God's will for my life, how I am to use my gifts for God's glory, to further the kingdom. The HS is the presence of God in me and community of faith. The HS always comes to us and works within us through the Scriptures, the sacraments, worship, and service and mission of the Christian Church.

I believe in one baptism. It represents the grace of God through the death and resurrection of Christ, our entrance into the Body of Christ. Baptism doesn't give us salvation, only Jesus Christ can. Water is used as an outward sign of the transformed inner life. God gave this grace long before our acceptance of it. Jesus gives the command to then go, teach, baptizing, making disciples, to share the Gospel with a broken world.

I believe the one Communion that unites all in Jesus Christ. It is a time of gathering at table celebrating the feast Jesus established using simple elements of bread and wine sharing with his disciples. Both sacraments of baptism and communion remind us to whom we belong and to whom we are committed. We physically, tangibly touch the vision of the kingdom of God.

I believe the Scriptures are God's word to us through history with God's people. The Scriptures record God's interactions with us and gives us guidance for our life. Jesus' ministry is shared through the writings of his followers who have passed them on to us.

I believe in the one Church, called to proclaim to the world the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the joy of the present and the hope of the hereafter of the kingdom of God. The Church addresses the issues that concern and surround their community; shows through example that all of time is in God's hands; cannot be contained within the walls of a physical building; exists in every member of the Body of Christ. Weekly worship is for renewal, energy; to share sorrows, joys, and celebrate the sacraments; to study Scripture. We follow the example of Jesus as shown to us through Scripture by feeding the poor, visiting the imprisoned, clothing the naked, healing the sick. We are to see Christ in all we meet, for when we do these things for the least of these, we do it for Christ.