

Linda Dudley     Statement of Faith

I BELIEVE.

There is One God and He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. They are all one and the same. We were created in His image. And we will be united with God, by His grace and our faith in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived his life in complete obedience to the will of God, his heavenly Father. Jesus gave up his life on the cross and rose from the dead to ascend into heaven to wash away our sins so we may be united with God and receive His gift of eternal life. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life. I trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He brought the Words of God to us.

We are all equal in God's eyes. I trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and re-newer of life by His grace, through our faith and lives in Jesus Christ with His words, the Scriptures. In Baptism, He claims us and with Communion, we are given the Bread of Life and the Cup of the New Covenant, our salvation.

The faith we confess unites us with the one Universal Church, the Body of Christ, made up of people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The local church, where the Word of God is preached, the Sacraments are given and discipline is taught.

With Jesus' life, death and resurrection He brought us a New Covenant and it is renewed when we receive the Sacraments. The use of water, bread and wine, administered by men and women, represent God's grace. In baptism a person becomes heir of the promises of the Old Covenant made with God. In the Lord's Supper, a person is reminded of the New Covenant finalized by Christ's death and is spiritually nourished.

In life and death, we belong to God. Nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.