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Statement of Faith

God created me and all that is. Justice, Majesty, Power, Slow to anger, Steadfast love; these are God's names. God generously loves everyone and God's heart's desire is for everyone to love God.

And so I believe

But women and men from the beginning of time until today chose to turn their backs on God. But God offers life.

And so I believe

Jesus Christ saves me. Even though I wanted to leave him, He came to earth; fully man (Jesus) and fully God (Christ). He suffered and died. He completely knows my pains. He rose victoriously from the dead. I know his power. I worship him as Lord. Through his death and raising I have life, life in Christ.

And so I believe.

The Holy Spirit empowers me. My soul is filled. By this Helper I begin to understand the mysterious ways of God. I am transformed and renewed. The Spirit reminds me that I am forgiven and exhorts me to share that comfort with others

And so I believe.

The Bible teaches me and corrects me. It is the written testimony of God's covenant bringing the lost and the homeless back home. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the growth of the church. It is the Word of God written in the words of men. It is the unique revelation of God; inspired, infallible and authoritative.

And so I believe.

The church prepares me to serve within the community of believers. Together we proclaim the gospel to a world that needs good news. Together we serve our neighbors in love, seeing their needs as greater than our own. Together we celebrate the activity of God each day in our midst. Together we work for peace and justice for all.

And so I believe.

The sacraments remind me of God's grace. Through baptism we are initiated into the covenant of believers. Through the Lord's Supper we taste of the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf. We experience Christ's real spiritual presence. We are humbled, we confess to Christ's lordship.

And so I believe.

Christ's return persuades me to serve until Christ returns in victory to establish the new Kingdom on Earth. Believers will join together; all brothers and sisters, all God's children, will raise one voice together in praise, forever.

And so I believe.

