

D'Ann Cooper Statement of Faith

I believe in the Triune God.

God, the Creator,

who created equally, all people, in God's image.

who invites us to live this precious life with enthusiasm and expression

God, the Redeemer

who experienced life on earth as fully human and fully divine,

who ministered to all people, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically

who was resurrected from the dead and invites us out of our own tombs into life.

God, the Sustainer

who is our comforter and energizer

who nourishes, challenges, and heals us

who gives us hope and courage to face our world.

I believe in the Church

as the body of Christ

as the community of believers

who are actively extending to each other and this world,

the love and grace of God, that they themselves have received.

as a place where individuals can genuinely present their true selves

before their Creator and their sisters and brothers, and be accepted, loved, embraced, and healed.

I believe in the Bible

as the Holy Word of God

as authoritative, inspired, and applicable to today's world.

I believe the Sacraments are expressions of God's love and grace

and they are our participation in the presence and life of Christ.

I believe God's grace is freely given.

I believe that nothing of ourselves and this world

can separate us from the love of God..

I believe that all people are created by God

and should be treated equally and respectfully

as precious children of God.

I take seriously our responsibility for the care of this world

and her inhabitants.

I also believe that God, and accordingly,

some components of our faith,

cannot be absolutely defined.

Therefore, there are certain mysteries that exist,

for which there may not be answers

until we come face to face with our Creator.