

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe faith is an ever-evolving relationship of compassionate accountability to the living Word of God revealed in the Divine-creation-human web of life. I believe that a personal statement of faith is continually being transformed in the journeys of each faithful persons and communities. I believe in a Divine being that is omniscient, omnipresent, immanent, and transcendent. I personally refer to this Divine being as God and acknowledge such as a Triune God that is one in essence, celebrated in three different persons— God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and Holy Spirit our Sustainer. I believe God as Creator is the architect of all creation including every being within the cosmos and has brilliantly crafted creation as active co-creators of the universe. I believe God as Redeemer of personal and collective sinfulness is the incarnated in Christ as the divine revelation of the mission of love, justice, mercy, grace, and forgiveness for all of creation. I believe the crucifixion of Christ unveils the profound suffering caused by sinfulness while Christ's resurrection reveals reconciliation between Divinity and humanity. I believe God as Sustainer is the presence of the Holy Spirit as wind, breath and flame actively guiding all of Creation for the glorification of the Triune God. I believe God in all of God's divinity is known yet mysteriously remains veiled beyond complete human comprehension. I believe God continues to reveal God's self to faithful persons and communities through our ongoing interpretations of the Holy Scriptures. I believe human beings are created uniquely and wonderfully diverse in the image of God. I believe the Church is the body of Christ at work in the world responsible for upholding the holy sacraments, worship in community, and living out the merciful and generous lifestyle that Christ demonstrated. The body of Christ is held to the standard of reflecting the image of God through actively fighting against injustices and oppressions throughout all of history. I believe the sacrament of Baptism by water is a symbol of a lifelong reconciliation. This baptism holds members of the Church community spiritually accountable in word and deed to the mission of Christ. I believe the Lord's Supper is a celebration in giving thanks for the gift of reconciliation through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. This meal of the bread and the wine is a Holy Communion with Christ symbolizing a sign and seal of the gift of eternal salvation. I believe faith is a lifelong and committed journey of blessing, serving, and gracing the communities to which we have uniquely been called to. I believe all our journeys are intertwined and interconnected through Divine mystery.

