

Statement of Faith
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I believe in the one triune God, with three separate yet interdependent persons.

I believe in God the Father, the Creator, who made from nothing the natural world in all of its beauty and splendor and who continues to work throughout human history to bring about our redemption. I believe that God's restoration of creation and promises of redemption will one day come to completion and fulfillment when God's Kingdom reigns upon the earth.

I believe in God the Son, the Redeemer, who lived among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, teaching the good news of God's will for our redemption through the coming Kingdom of God and showing glimpses of this kingdom, this new order of creation, through healing and miracles. I believe that Jesus, Son of God, was fully God and fully human, God incarnate, breaking into our human experience of suffering and redeeming us through his life, death, and resurrection from the cross.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, who inspires faith in God and God's redemptive purposes. I believe that God the Creator continues to play an active role in creation, the Church, and all of human history through the work of the Holy Spirit. I believe that God the Son, Jesus Christ, draws near to us and continues to show glimpses of our redemption and God's Kingdom through the work of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to understand and interpret God's ultimate revelation of God's self through Jesus Christ as shown to us in the Scriptures.

I believe in the Church universal as the body of Christ, continuing to do God's work in the world, enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again.

I believe in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as both instituted by Christ and ordained by God, as revealed to us in the Scriptures. I believe that both sacraments are outward, visible signs of God's inward, invisible grace. Through the sacraments, God continues to draw near to us through ordinary elements, to mark us as God's own, set apart for a life of ministry and service, and to sustain us in this life until we take our place in God's kingdom.