

Faith Statement

God is the creator of all that we know and all that we don't know. God created what is "Good" so all that is good must come from them. God is perfect and too grand for human understanding. God can control all things but chooses when to exercise this ability so that we have the possibility of an authentic relationship with God's creation. God is the perfect parent that offers love and wisdom to their children who desperately need these gifts. The triune God is known as Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer. God is 3 in 1 which is further evidence of the mystery and grandness of God.

Scripture is the unique written authoritative work which God uses to reveal themselves to us. It is necessary to read scripture with prayerful discernment, asking God to reveal their will to us. Critical evaluation of scripture is necessary as we are designed as thinking beings that can analyze and interpret and these abilities should aid our study and inform our practice.

We are created in God's image and are made to be in communion with the divine and all of God's children. This communion requires us to choose to be in relationship with the divine as God has already chosen us. The ability to choose allows for both good and sin to occur. Sin is anything that presently separates us from our relationship with God and with each other.

We live in a world surrounded by pain, brokenness, and hurt and it is possible to forget whose image we are made in. This is the grace that Paul describes, and we have been gifted by Christ. The brokenness of the world can make this grace difficult to see but once fully realized, we remember we are made in God's image and God's grace is irresistible.

Jesus the Son of God is both completely human and completely divine and he existed divinely with God at the beginning. Through Jesus Christ we draw close to God. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we see that Jesus was uniquely divine and truly the Son of God. This was the perfect way to reveal himself to the broken world as the Son of God while emanating hope. It was the capstone event to his mission and ministry that brought change and challenged authority by dying and conquering death by his resurrection. Jesus's mission and ministry was to spread his love and grace to all and offer another way to those who are caught in a system of hate and violence. Jesus challenged the class system of the time and offered love and reconciliation to all who were in need.

The church is the Body of Christ and is composed of all those who are seeking God and looking for ways to bring glory to God by emulating Christ's love in an intentional community. We remember Christ's love through the sacrament of communion. We remember that we are members of the Body of Christ who are chosen by God through our baptism. The church is where the word is preached, where hope and good news are heard. It is how God responds to those who are hurting with care and love through God's people. It is the "Hospital for the Broken." Its mission is to embody and emanate Christ's love to the world which brings glory to God.