

Statement of Faith

My faith is one of the many gifts with which God has blessed me. I was brought up and nurtured in a family of faith, therefore all of my life has been with an eye to further understanding that faith, continuing to look to it every day for the strength and courage to live the life that God has called me to live. In baptism, at the mere age of six weeks, I was received into Christ's body, the church, engrafted into Christ and reckoned as one of God's own. As I have participated in the mystery of the Lord's Supper throughout my life, I have been continually assured of God's nourishing and sustaining presence in my life always.

Our triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--is everywhere and at work in all things. It was breath of our Creator God that set the world in motion, and it is God's work that has sustained it since the beginning of time. God was at work as the Israelites were led out of Egypt, and God was at work as the prophets spoke words of doom, gloom, and promise. God was at work as Mary laid the Christ Child in the manger, and God was at work on the dark days of the first Holy Week. God was at work as the stone was rolled away, and God was at work as Thomas saw the holes in his Lord's hands and side. God was at work in the lives of the early Christians who faithfully carried out their understanding of the Great Commandment, and God is at work in the lives of each of us today, as we do the same. God has been, is, and will forever be at work in this world, renewing and sustaining it, until the end of time.

God's saving grace comes to us in the life and work of God's Son, Jesus Christ, God incarnate, showing us how to live in right relationship with God and one another. God's love for us is a free and gracious gift for the One who loves us all more than minds can comprehend. Through the life of Christ, we see not only how we are to live, but we see this amazing love that God has for us, that God would come and live among us. In Christ, God suffered the depths of human pain so that we might be forgiven of all our failings, shown a better way, and have communion with God for eternity.

God's guiding and renewing energy comes to us in the form of Holy Spirit, present with, for, and among us even in the darkest of places. The Holy Spirit is what lifts me and sustains me when I feel as if I cannot go on. The Holy Spirit is what renews and fills me when I worship. The Holy Spirit sealed God's call on my life through the waters of my baptism, and also lifts me up to commune with God through the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit gently tugs and pulls on me when I am seeking discernment. Through Holy Spirit, God empowers me for loving service and faithful witness each and every day of my life. Thanks be to God!