

Statement of Faith: I love the parenting God "who is who is and who will be who will be (Genesis 4:26; Exodus 3:14)," the One constantly rebirthing the multiverse. In God "we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28)." God is clearly transcendent.

I love the God we find in the human and Risen Christ, the one intimately immanent. Cognitively the interior life of God is hidden from us, yet we touch the relational quality of God's being through our immersion in relationships. Within Jesus Christ we discover the goodness of our humanity as well as our calling to incarnate right relationships of justice, mercy, and faith.

I love the Holy Spirit who materializes the immaterial, and who makes matter out of what matters to us (borrowing a phrase interpreting Bohr's conception of a quantum mechanical world). To lean into creativity is to discover the Holy Spirit responding collaboratively.

I love the church as a human organization that is only antepenultimate. First is the dance of the Trinity. Second is the emergent realm of God in creation. Third comes the church's witness to the aforementioned.

I love the church's communion with the saints, its struggle to practice and preach reconciliation, and its promise of future treasure that for now we can only glimpse through broken clay jars. In its worship words and two sacraments, the church celebrates God's labor of reconciliation through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). In its gathered life and daily dispersal in the world, the church pursues the realization of the realm's justice, mercy, and trust through government, economics, social institutions, environmental wholeness, neighborhood politics, and interpersonal relationships (Ephesians 2:14).

The cross of Jesus Christ reveals the brokenness of our efforts and the risk we run of making our good an idolatrous alternative to what God requires of us. God speaks the Word to us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the many human words of the Bible. All knowledge is God's knowledge: We strive to understand the world deeply and then wrestle biblically and theologically with what it all means. God speaks. In love with God and neighbor, we hear, trust and obey, until the last day dawns.