

Statement of Faith: Laura Viau

I believe in God, whose creation surrounds us and provides for all our physical needs, who adopts us, extending covenant grace to all, who spoke from a whirlwind and a burning bush, and who speaks to us still in the witness of the Scriptures.

I believe in Jesus the Christ, the only Son of God, the Word who was with God and was God from the beginning, who indwells, saves and transforms his disciples in every time and place.

He was born to Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, lived a life of perfect obedience and communion with God, suffered the indignity and cruelty of humankind's rejection, and bearing the sins of all, died on the cross and was buried.

His resurrection and ascension into Heaven reveals the power of God, redeems and reconciles sinful humanity, and makes way for the sending of the Spirit to empower the church.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the comforter and catalyst, the illuminator of the Word, who breathes life into a world of death and sin, fills us with the obedient life of Christ, and whose gifts edify the Body, transforming the work of broken people into the building of God's Kingdom.

I believe that the world doesn't have to be this way, and that we are God's plan for change.

Thus, I believe in the catholic church and its potential to truly live out God's commands to love God and neighbor. This priesthood of all believers has been commissioned to boldly proclaim the gospel of justice, peace and reconciliation in the world in works and word, and to continually enfold, baptize, encourage and enable all of our neighbors in this work, until that day when people from every tribe, tongue and nation will worship God in unity.

I believe in humanity's deep need for confession and repentance, and in God's unending capacity for the forgiveness of sins; in our hunger to be part of the mystery of faith, and the unifying presence of God in the sacraments.

I give thanks that our earthly bodies will be resurrected, and that life in Christ is eternal.