

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the eternal spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all nations and all humanity by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

God calls us into the Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the Gospel forgiveness of sins and fulness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing.

And eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto to God.

Amen.

(Revised by Robert Moss)

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

AS MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
WE CONFESS THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD,
AND PROCLAIM HIM LORD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.
IN CHRIST'S NAME AND BY HIS GRACE
WE ACCEPT OUR MISSION OF WITNESS
AND SERVICE TO ALL PEOPLE.
WE REJOICE IN GOD,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN THE COVENANT OF LOVE
WHICH BINDS US TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER.
THROUGH BAPTISM INTO CHRIST
WE ENTER INTO THE NEWNESS OF LIFE
AND ARE MADE ONE WITH THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD.
IN THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
WE ARE JOINED TOGETHER IN DISCIPLESHIP
AND IN OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST.
AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD
WE CELEBRATE WITH THANKSGIVING
THE SAVING ACTS AND PRESENCE OF CHRIST.
WITHIN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH
WE RECEIVE THE GIFT OF MINISTRY
AND THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE.
IN THE BONDS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH
WE YIELD OURSELVES TO GOD
THAT WE MAY SERVE THE ONE
WHOSE KINGDOM HAS NO END.
BLESSING, GLORY AND HONOR
BE TO GOD FOREVER. AMEN.