

Statement of Faith

- 1 We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:
 - 2 He calls the worlds into being,
 - 3 creates man in his own image
 - 4 and sets before him the ways of life and death.
- 5 He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
- 6 He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.
- 7 In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us
 - 8 conquering sin and death
 - 9 and reconciling the world to himself.
- 10 He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
 - 11 creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
 - 12 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
- 13 He calls us into his Church
 - 14 to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
 - 15 to be his servants in the service of men,
 - 16 to proclaim the gospel to all the world
 - 17 and resist the powers of evil,
 - 18 to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
 - 19 to join him in his passion and victory.
- 20 He promises to all who trust him
 - 21 forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
 - 22 courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
 - 23 his presence in trial and rejoicing,
 - 24 and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.
- 25 Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

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