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Statement of Faith

God is, always was, and always will be.

God is the originator, the sustainer, and the finisher of all things.

God not only designed my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual being, but also laid out the path which my life would follow, the steps that I have taken as well as the steps yet to come.

God knew that I would not make it on my own. I cannot live up to God's glory and perfection. I, like the rest of humanity, sin.

To offer salvation to me, and all of creation, God came down to my level. God became human. He was called Jesus, the Christ, fully God and fully human. He was born, grew, and lived. He experienced. He taught. He walked the earth as a human being. He was tempted but never sinned as all other humans have done and will continue to do. He did not deserve the curse of death, yet He freely accepted it. In Jesus, God suffered and died for the sins of the world, and for me. He broke the curse of death when He rose from the grave and He ascended into Heaven, standing as the Way for all who wish to follow.

Having accepted these truths with a desire to know God more deeply, the Holy Spirit has entered and permanently joined me. The same Holy Spirit that moved across the waters at creation that spoke through the prophets of ancient Israel that descended like a dove at the baptism of Jesus, that descended like tongues of flame upon the apostles at Pentecost is the presence of God in our lives today.

God has revealed God's self to humanity in the form of this Holy Trinity, three in one, one in three, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, representing the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I have died to sin and died to myself, offering my life as a sacrifice to God. Through the Holy Spirit I desire to grow in God's likeness. My life on this earth is God's to guide and use as God sees fit. It is my duty to follow where God leads through prayer, reading of the holy and divinely inspired Scriptures, worship, and sharing in community with other believers.

The sacrament of Holy Communion reminds me of the sacrifice that the Lord made for us as well as drawing me, and all believers, into the body of Christ, and by extension, drawing together all who are in the body of believers.

Through the Holy Spirit I am joined to all followers of Christ, those of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, into one Body, the church, the body of Jesus Christ, and tasked with continuing His ministry here on earth.

When the end of time, or the end of my time, comes, I believe I shall rejoice with the rest of God's people in heaven praising God for all eternity.