

## **FAITH**

We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul, and the right of private judgment and welcome into our membership any person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and who proposes to live according to his law of love. Members of this Church subscribe to the following statement of faith of the United Church of Christ:

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 humanity and all nations 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 fullness 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 God. Amen.