## Statement of Faith

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I trust in God, the creator who said "good" after creating the heavens and the earth and all things, and "very good" after creating a human in the image of God. My God is only One Living God. I believe in the Trinity of the Eternal God. God is the One I love and worship and guide me in every moment.

**God, the Father of love, peace, and justice,** is unchanging. God has a plan of love for this world before the creation of the world. I believe in God who created the world through God's Word. God loves us and wants us to live in peace and practice justice in the world.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world as fully God and fully human. Jesus showed the example of serving and loving, suffered, finally gave us the way of salvation by obedience to the Father even to death on the cross, and redeemed our sins and bridged the gap between God and us. Jesus became the first fruits of all believers by overcoming death and has risen from the dead. I believe that Jesus ascended into heaven and will return to earth on the last day.

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, is among us and helps me in my weakness. The Holy Spirit illuminates my daily life and helps me understand God's heart toward the world. The Holy Spirit unites women and men, the high and the low, the poor and the rich, the young and the old and makes them one body as God's people. The power of the Holy Spirit leads me to serve the church and to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

All human beings are sinners. A human, who was created in God's image, disobeyed God's Will, and fell short of the glory of God, could not reach eternal life. But a merciful God has given everyone the gift of salvation if they believe in Jesus Christ.

I believe the Holy Bible is the Word of God. The God who justified us still teaches us how to live as children of God through the words of God recorded in 66 books and through the words proclaimed based on the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Bible, apply it in our lives, and brings justice to life by putting God's Word. The Word of God is alive and active and is sharper than any two-edged sword, so that it judges the thoughts of the heart, inspires us by the power of the Holy Spirit working in the Word, and leads us to the righteous way of God.

I believe that the church is the body of Christ, where we experience the unity in God, in the presence of the Holy Spirit, through the gathering of saints, and the sacraments, the Lord's Supper and Baptism, established by Jesus Christ. I believe in the calling and fellowship of one body of saints sanctified through faith in Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of our bodies on the last day, just like the resurrection of Jesus. I look forward to the new life in the kingdom of God.