

Statement of Faith: Martha Slocombe

I believe in the good news of the Gospel: that the triune God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. (BOO F-1.01)

I believe in the mystery of the divine trinity: Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Our living God is complex and in many ways beyond our capacity to understand, but by opening ourselves to the mystery we can experience the presence of the divine.

I believe that God created and is creating all good things: God is always present to bring us up out of the sorrow and create us anew.

I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is our risen Lord. Being both human and divine, we look to Jesus as our ultimate example and strive to follow his teachings. (Romans 15:5)

I believe that the Holy Spirit fills each of our hearts with love and directs us in our daily lives toward compassion, humility, hope, and service.

I believe that we are saved by grace through Jesus' faith and not by any human work or effort. (Ephesians 2:8-9) Nothing we can do or believe can alter God's love for us.

I believe that God is ever merciful and we are called to show mercy to all. (Romans 12:1)

I believe that every person can pray directly to God without intercession. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

I believe that the Bible was written by people of faith so inspired by the living God that their stories have persisted and stirred the hearts of people throughout the centuries, into the present, and will continue to do so into the future.

I believe that our interpretation of the scripture is constantly evolving. Our imperfect analysis of the Bible continues to unfold as we identify and strip away the impacts of our cultural biases as well as our limitations in translating words from different languages, time periods, and cultures.

I believe that we are called to be in community with our Christian brothers and sisters and worship and commune together on a regular basis. (Acts 2:46-47)

I believe that through the sacrament of baptism we embrace Christ's covenant of grace, and through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we are spiritually nourished and grow in that grace. (BOC, 7.094, 7.096)

I believe that we are called to live out a life reflective of our faith and the teachings of Jesus. (Colossians 2:6)