

INGER MANCHESTER
A STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FAITH

I believe in the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe that God has created all things out of nothing and continually creates.

I believe God is our great provider and protector.

I believe God takes the initiative in creation and in covenant to restore us to God. We are unable to do this ourselves.

I believe that God, in Jesus Christ, fully entered into our human condition. In an act of self-revelation, redemption and forgiveness Jesus Christ atoned for sin and restored human life for fellowship with God.

I believe that Jesus Christ became flesh and dwelt among us, was crucified, died and was resurrected. As such He lives and rules eternally and He will come again to judge and reign.

I believe that God in Christ is present for us in the Holy Spirit, actively transforming, empowering and sustaining human lives. I believe that it is not by our own understanding that we can believe the Gospel, but that the Holy Spirit draws us toward the true faith.

I believe that all of Holy Scripture is the inspired Word of God, witnessing to God's self-revelation. I believe when the Word is proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper are visible signs and seals of God's grace and covenant with us. In these sacraments, God's grace is made known to us in the real presence and power of Christ in the Church and in our lives.

I believe that there is one Church- a fellowship of believers that the Holy Spirit gathers. The gathered community lives under Christ, the Lord and head of the Church.

I believe that in Christ God has claimed us as God's own and has granted us new life in Jesus Christ. Through Him we are both justified and sanctified. Through Him we are made whole.

I believe that we are a people of God meant to glorify and enjoy God forever.