

Statement of Faith – Kyle Segars

I believe that we belong to God in our whole life, and that God claims us by redeeming grace in the love manifested in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Even though we have fallen away in our sin, God in Christ still actively seeks us out and makes us new again. Even though we rebel against God and God's commandments, God still acts with mercy and justice to redeem the whole world. This redemption was accomplished in Jesus' life and ministry, where he proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom of God, in his death on the cross, where he suffered and died for the sins of the world, and in his resurrection, where the chains of death and the grave were broken and the victory of God was proclaimed. Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we are made co-heirs with Jesus in the covenant and empowered by that same Spirit to live as Jesus Our Lord's true disciples as a witness of the new Kingdom Jesus proclaimed in his own life. As a community we are to be a living witness and testimony to God's great work in and for the world.

I believe our purpose as the Church is to be the household of God, to worship and celebrate who God is and what God has done for the whole world as the natural response to such a loving and just Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit that sustains all. It is in this community of the called out ones that we discover the Word through proclamation of the written word and through the sacraments, graciously given to us to unite us as one family around the common table of Jesus. Worship, witness, and service are inseparable in our community life. Jesus sends us out into the world from His table to model his life of self-giving love.