



REV. DR. JEFF LINCICOME

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe at my very core that I and the rest of humanity are loved, accepted, forgiven and empowered for joyful living by Jesus Christ, God's Son, my Savior and Lord. Life doesn't make sense for me outside of that truth.

I believe in God the Father, who both created the world and all that is in it for his good pleasure and joy. I believe humans are created in God's image, made to be in relationship with God forever. As God's image bearers, we are invited to care for the creation and each other as beautiful gifts of grace. I believe, however, that we refused to live according to God's image. We cracked the image by choosing to see ourselves as gods, serving our own self-interests, denying God's authority, choosing our own way which leads to death and separation from God.

And yet, God was not done with us. Out of his unending love, God chose to rescue us from our mutiny, shaping a plan to deliver us and all of creation from our self-demise. Through his love story we call the Holy Scriptures, we learn of God's plan of salvation, God's way of living, God's tenacious acceptance and deliverance of his broken creation.

At the center of the story is Jesus Christ, God's Word spoken in history. Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God. His life made God's life and love for us visible. Jesus sacrificial death on a Roman cross not only provided the means of grace and forgiveness we needed through his sinless substitution, but it also showed us the way we are called to live as his disciples, as cross-bearers of love. Jesus resurrection is the centerpiece of our lives, without which there is no hope for our own future. Because Jesus lives, we get to live also. Knowing and accepting this, we live our lives as an expression of gratitude for his amazing grace.

I believe in God's Holy Spirit, the third member of the trinity, who is God's continuing, enlivening presence with us today. The Spirit empowers, convicts, instructs and moves both individuals and the church to be his body, Christ's hands and feet, in the world.

I believe in the authority of the Scriptures, God's inspired story of our salvation and grace. The Scriptures guide us to God through their witness, words, and deeds.


I believe that in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper God's draws us together to himself and to each other through the power of the Holy Spirit. They are a means of God's grace in our lives.


I believe in the church, God's primary instrument to make himself visible in the world today. God invites the church into the adventure of being a part of his kingdom by proclaiming his Good News of grace, by standing up for injustice, by freeing the captives, by caring for the lonely, the weak, and the needy, and by sharing the gospel with imagination and love. We have a part to play in God's story and the adventure of it all bristles with life and promise.


I believe we are created to live in the joy of eternal life with God, which starts right now on this earth. What a gift! What a joy! What a God!

AMEN


EDUCATION


 George Fox Seminary
Newberg, OR
DMin | 2007
Thesis: Wealth and Discipleship
in Affluent America


 Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, NJ
MDiv | 1999

 University of Washington
Seattle, WA
BA, English | 1993


WORK EXPERIENCE


 Senior Pastor
Sammamish Presbyterian Church
Sammamish, WA | 2009 – 2021


 Associate Pastor of Discipleship
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
Mequon, WI | 1999 - 2009


 Practice Associate
Arthur Andersen
Seattle, WA | 1994-1996


MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS


 Increased member participation in
both outreach and stewardship

 Regular volunteer in local
schools

 Convened community
meetings about mental health

 Contributor, "Respectful
Conversations" blog

 Encouraged family sponsorships
of children through World Vision

 Worked at a refugee camp in
Greece