

***Statement of Faith***

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I believe in the pervasive presence of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's role as the illuminator of Scripture, the purveyor of the depths of the love of God, the witness to the unique Lordship of Christ, the blessing of our vocations, the caretaker of creation, and the procreator in the mysteries of Being and the cosmos.

I believe in the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, His redemptive work celebrated in the sacraments, His light within us, the Truth of his teachings and actions in history, and His special activity and power within the Christian community.

I believe in the one God, greater than the cosmos and creator of all things, material and Spiritual. God is at once the great Mystery in and through all, and the tender Lover who would draw all of Being into the womb-like holding, redemption, and faithful commitment of the Holy One. This God, along with the Spirit and the Son, is to be worshipped, trusted, and deeply listened to. As we come to know the Lover's heart, we are called to offer that same love to all of creation.

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These days I'm teaching workshops on the Holy Spirit, leading retreats, giving spiritual direction and healing prayer, leading others in silent meditation and extended silence, supporting my wife in her Quaker ministries, and visiting my 4 married children and 9 grandchildren. I left the parish ministry in 1990, went through the Dark Night of the Soul, experienced the mysteries of spiritual life, and undertook a seven-year residency in order to attain Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. I opened my private practice in Pastoral Counseling in 2000 in western NY and cared for the poor, confused, and hurting.