

I believe in one God, gracious and almighty,  
Creator of everything that is,  
Redeemer and sustainer of humanity,  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
God established a covenant with God's people from the beginning,  
and God's faithfulness calls us into that promise.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who is really, truly, fully God, the eternal Word,  
and being born of Mary, became really, truly, fully human.  
He lived a human life, with a human family and friends,  
human joys, temptations, and sorrows.  
He died a brutally human death.  
He rose again on the third day,  
proving that even death is not beyond God's redemption.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among us even now.  
The Spirit gives us breath and life,  
unites us in love,  
leads us to service,  
and supports us in our needs.  
The Spirit is God, too,  
and while there are three persons, there is only one God.

I believe that we are saved only by the grace of God,  
and that there is nothing we can do or say to make God like us more, or love us less.  
We are saved through faith,  
brought to overwhelming gratitude,  
and called to a life of faithfulness and love.

We live our Christian lives in the Church,  
united as one family in God's covenant:  
inspired by the words of Holy Scripture,  
washed clean and brought into the Body of Christ by Baptism,  
fed by the Lord's Supper,  
and sent forth in mission.

We do God's work when we love our neighbor as Jesus taught,  
offering food to the hungry, hospitality to strangers,  
and compassion to all people.  
We do God's work when we work for justice in our world,  
as witnesses to God's righteousness and peace.  
I believe we see glimpses of the kingdom of God when this love prevails.  
Even so I look in hope for the resurrection of the dead, for everlasting life,  
for a new heaven and a new earth in the fullness of time.