

## **A Rough Draft, Work in Progress, Statement of Faith**

*Offered by Pastor Brent – round 1 – April 21, 2024*

**I believe in God who creates, is creating and continues to create in love.  
I believe that I am part of that creation called to care for it and participate  
in God's ongoing creative works.**

**I believe in God who creates for goodness and relationship;  
One who binds all of creation together in covenant for the purposes of  
love and flourishing.**

**I believe it to be a great gift to be received.**

**I believe in the God Jesus described as the one who comes running to  
meet and forgive;**

**The God who rejoices when the lost is found;**

**The God who doesn't turn away when the going gets rough but always  
draws nearer;**

**The God who has planned a future for us to prosper and find hope;**

**The God who proclaims love for us, who claims us a precious and who  
will be with us in the raging waters and the tormenting fires of life**

**I believe in the way of life shown by the birth, life, death, and  
resurrection of Jesus;**

**A life rooted in the calling to love God and neighbor who is anyone or  
anything in need;**

**Where love is not limited to words but brought to life in action;**

**Where discipleship involves both cost and joy**

**Where we are part of an unfolding story that stretches back and forward  
in an arc of goodness;**

**And where we live out the Good news in a world that so desperately  
needs it.**

**I believe that I am never alone in this world or the next and that love  
wins, life wins, and grace abounds.**