

MISSION & CORE VALUES

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30*

Shared Values and Beliefs

- We believe Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord. He teaches us to live the abundant life-- full of joy as we worship the risen Christ and serve other people to the glory of God.
- We believe the Bible is the Word of God. Scripture reveals God's plan for salvation through Jesus Christ. It teaches us how to live, serve and become disciples. With Christ as our guide, example, and interpreter of scriptures we need no other mediator between us and God. We strive to deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of God's purpose for us through prayer, bible study, and wise counsel.
- We believe Baptism and The Lord's Supper are symbolic celebrations of grace. Believer's Baptism is an outward expression celebrating new life in Christ. The Lord's Supper celebrates God's grace for humanity by Christ's last supper with His disciples and sacrificial death on the Cross. These ordinances serve as witness of our faith in Christ.
- We believe the Church is the body of Christ on Earth. We are a community of believers, not a building or institution. Our congregation is autonomous, yet part of the larger body of Christ. Believers achieve oneness in Christ that transcends all human limitations, including the diversity between denominations.
- We believe in the Priesthood of all Believers. We ordain both men and women for every role of service in the church.
- We believe God wants us to offer opportunities for people to experience the unconditional love of Christ through their minds, bodies, and spirits. This occurs as we engage in a balance of worship, mission endeavors, personal spiritual formation, and community connections with other people. We believe the culture of our church allows people to participate in each of these aspects. The role of the Deacon is to do your best to connect with "your people" and encourage them to join you in "becoming and helping other people become fully devoted disciples of Jesus." Our hope is that you can share "Your Stories" with each other and affirm that we are all made in the image of God so we should love God, ourselves, and our neighbors as we participate in community ministry and mission in sharing "God's Story." In doing this, we believe God's Kingdom will come to earth as it is in heaven.