

A Creed of Affirmation

Leader: We believe in God, Creator of the World and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

People: **We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

Leader: We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
 In the upholding of human dignity and community
 In every expression of love, justice and reconciliation
 In each act of self-giving on behalf of others
 In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough
 In all responsible use of the earth's resources

People: **Glory to God on high; and on earth, peace**

Leader: We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action;
 Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith
 Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life
 Through the search for security through military and economic forces
 that threaten human existence
 Through the abuse of technology, which endangers the earth and all
 Life upon it

People: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ
 To take up the cross
 To seek abundant life for all humanity
 To struggle for peace with justice and freedom
 To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come

All: **Thy kingdom come, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.**