

Our Values

Local Orthodoxy:

We believe that all scripture points us to Jesus, the living word of God. He is our doorway to knowing, understanding, and experiencing God. Jesus has provided the means for all people to experience reunion with God. He is also our model and reveals to us our true humanity. We affirm the central truths of the historic Christian faith. The scriptures are useful and help us live as followers of Jesus in our everyday lives and relationships. We live in the tension of being people who are shaped by our local culture and being reshaped by Jesus. We will continually explore and discover new ways to live out the teachings of Jesus in our local contexts.

Wholeness:

We believe that God is creating a new humanity and is doing this by redeeming us and transforming us through the work of Jesus Christ. We embrace the salvation of Jesus and submit to Jesus as our lifelong leader. This process of transformation is deeply spiritual and impacts every area of our lives. This new life of God is a fully integrated life where our mind, body, soul and emotions find the peace of God.

Community:

We believe that God's nature is love. The essence of the Source and Sustainer of the universe is self-giving and self-sacrificing love. Love is relational energy, within and between persons. God invites us to partner with others who are responding to the divine invitation to live in deeper, Jesus centered relationships. The way of Jesus can not be lived alone. We believe that every person is created uniquely and is wonderfully gifted by God. We also recognize that every person is at a different stage in their spiritual formation. Therefore, with Jesus at the centre of our community, we are a group of people who welcome everyone.

Mission:

We believe that we are created to live for something larger than ourselves. The mission of God is to redeem and restore all humanity and creation, bringing reconciliation, justice and peace to the world. We believe that "the church" is a community of people committed to following Jesus. The church becomes the active presence of God in our world. Jesus calls his followers to be a compelling force for good, and we believe that we are at our best when we serve and love sacrificially for the cause of others and creation.

Celebration:

We believe that God's presence among us will generate a new way of life that is worth living and celebrating. We are a community of people who are allowing the Spirit of God to form within us a greater expression of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and balance.

Creativity:

We embrace creativity and flexibility and believe that living this way causes us to be effective and energetic. We believe that God is always creating and recreating and invites us to participate with Him in this work.