

THE REFUGE

A Creed

The confession the gathered body holds.



We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the maker of all things and the author of all healing.

We believe God created every person in His own image,
and that this image is the foundation of who we are.
It is not earned. It cannot be lost. It does not break.

We are not broken. We are buried.

We are here to be restored.

We believe the wounds we carry are real:
what was passed down, what was done to us,
what our lives carved without our consent,
and what we learned to do to survive.
We name them without shame. They are not who we are.

We believe healing is not the building of a new self,
but the uncovering of the self God already made.

We throw off what does not belong.

God removes the debris. God heals.

We are the instruments. The work belongs to God.

We believe no one is beyond the reach of God.

Where we cannot reach out, grace reaches in.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

We believe the truth is what makes a refuge:
we tell our own road, the whole of it.
Whatever is brought here has been carried here before.

We walk with. We do not walk in front.

We believe the church is a place of refuge:
where the buried find healing,
the outcast finds belonging,
and the wounded find restoration.

We will not turn away the ones we were sent to receive.

We believe there is a pathway to conscious contact with God,
open to anyone who seeks it.

We walk it from honest admission
through surrender, confession, and service,
into a real and lasting awakening.

We hold what we have been given in trust,
and we offer it in service.

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