



# The Confession of Faith

## **I. Introduction:**

We are a missional and intercultural community united by our shared faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to embody His teachings in our daily lives. At Village Church, we celebrate the variety and breadth of God's creation. As a congregation of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences, we believe that our unity in Christ transcends all distinctions, uniting us as one family in Him.

## **II. God:**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—a divine Trinity who exists in perfect unity, love, and relationship. God is the Creator of all things, having formed the universe with intention, purpose, and care. As the Sustainer, He upholds all creation, providing for its needs and orchestrating its existence with wisdom and power. As the Redeemer, He lovingly works to restore what is broken, offering salvation through Jesus Christ and the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit.

We affirm that God is love, and His covenantal love extends to every ethnicity, tribe, culture, and nation. Humanity reflects the richness of God's creativity and the breadth of His glory. His redemptive plan, revealed through Scripture and fulfilled in Jesus Christ, is for all people without exception, drawing individuals from every background into His family.

This belief compels us as a church to mirror God's inclusive love in our community. We strive to honor and celebrate the unique contributions of each culture, recognizing that together, we more fully reflect the beauty and majesty of God. As we worship the Triune God, we do so with the hope and vision of His eternal kingdom, where people from every nation and tongue unite in harmonious praise, proclaiming the greatness of our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

### **III. Jesus Christ:**

We believe that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man, Son of God, born of a virgin, embodying the fullness of divinity and humanity in one person. He lived a perfect, sinless life, revealing God's character through His teachings, miracles, and compassionate love. In His sacrificial death on the cross, He bore the weight of humanity's sin, offering redemption and forgiveness to all who believe. His resurrection from the dead is the ultimate victory over Sin and Death, securing eternal life for His followers. Now exalted, He reigns at the right hand of the Father as our Advocate, King, and Savior.

We affirm that Jesus Christ is the only Reconciler between God and humanity, breaking down all barriers of division. Through Him, people from every tribe, tongue, ethnicity, and culture are reconciled to God and one another, forming one body united in faith and love. His message of grace transcends all human distinctions, offering hope and salvation to everyone, regardless of background or circumstance.

As a missional and intercultural community, we are called to reflect the reconciling work of Christ by living in harmony, celebrating our differences as gifts from God, and working to heal divisions caused by prejudice, injustice, and sin. Together, we proclaim the truth that Christ's sacrifice and resurrection unite us as one family in God, anticipating the day when all nations will gather together before His throne in worship and adoration. Through Jesus, we are empowered to embody His love and to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the world.

### **IV. The Holy Spirit:**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the active and present Spirit of God, who works in the hearts and lives of believers to bring conviction of sin, guidance in truth, comfort in times of struggle, and empowerment for holy living. The Holy Spirit dwells within all who have faith in Jesus Christ, transforming them into the likeness of Christ and producing the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit works without partiality, uniting believers from every culture, language, and background into one body. The Spirit distributes diverse spiritual gifts to equip individuals for service in God's Kingdom. The Spirit calls believers to use their gifts and perspectives to edify the church and reach the

world with the Gospel. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the church becomes a vibrant, unified community where cultural differences are celebrated as a reflection of God's creativity and glory.

As a diverse body of believers, we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in navigating the complexities of the world, fostering understanding, empathy, and mutual respect. The Spirit enables us to overcome barriers of language, prejudice, and misunderstanding, empowering us to model the unity and love of Christ. Together, through the Spirit's work, we live out our calling as witnesses to the inclusive and transformative power of the Gospel, embodying God's vision of a Kingdom where every tongue, tribe, and nation worships Him in unity and harmony.

#### **V. The Scriptures:**

We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, given to reveal His character, will, and plan for humanity. It serves as the ultimate source of truth, providing direction, instruction, correction, and encouragement for all believers. Rooted in God's eternal wisdom, the Scriptures are living and active, speaking with relevance and power to every generation and cultural context.

We recognize that the Bible transcends cultural boundaries, addressing the universal human condition while also honoring the perspectives, traditions, and experiences represented within the global Body of Christ. We are called to interpret Scripture faithfully, considering its historical and literary contexts and seeking to understand its message in light of its divine purpose. This requires humility, prayer, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as well as a commitment to reading and applying God's Word in ways that promote unity, justice, and love.

As a community, we affirm the importance of engaging with Scripture not only individually but also as a faith community, fostering an environment where believers from different cultures and backgrounds can study, discuss, and apply God's Word together. Our approach allows us to learn from one another, gaining insights that enrich our understanding of God and His redemptive work. Together, we seek to obey God's Word in reverent submission, allowing it to shape our beliefs, actions, and relationships as we reflect the heart of Christ in a world longing for His truth and love.

## **VI. Humanity:**

We believe that every person is created in the image of God, bearing intrinsic value, dignity, and worth, and is therefore deserving of love, honor, and respect. This divine imprint on humanity forms the foundation of our shared identity, calling us to view each individual as a unique reflection of God's creativity and purpose.

While sin has fractured humanity's relationship with God and one another, leading to eternal death, division, shame, loneliness, brokenness, and injustice, we affirm that redemption and reconciliation are possible through Jesus Christ. His sacrificial death and resurrection provide a way for all people, irrespective of ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, or life experiences, to be restored to a right relationship with God and one another.

We celebrate and embrace the fullness of God's creation, fostering a community where every person is valued and every voice is heard. We are called to model the love of Christ, breaking down barriers and actively working toward righteousness, peace, and joy. By doing so, we reflect the vision of God's kingdom, where people from every nation, tribe, and tongue are gathered together in worship and fellowship, united in their shared identity as God's beloved children.

## **VII. Salvation:**

We believe that salvation is a free and unmerited gift of God's covenantal grace, offered to all humanity through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This gift is not earned by human effort or merit but is made possible by God's immense love and mercy. Salvation is available to everyone who repents from sin, places their faith in Jesus Christ, accepts Him as their Lord and Savior, and makes Him the foundation of their life and eternal hope. As children of God, the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, teaching and equipping us to grow in Christlikeness and to live as witnesses of the Gospel's power to transform lives and reconcile communities.

We affirm that salvation transcends every human boundary. It is an open invitation extended to all people, demonstrating the limitless and inclusive nature

of God's love. Through Christ, the barriers that often divide humanity are broken down, uniting God's people as one family under God.

As a community, we celebrate this divine gift by fostering unity in diversity through the Spirit. We acknowledge that everyone brings unique perspectives and experiences that enrich our shared understanding of God and His Kingdom. Together, we seek to embody the reconciling power of the Gospel, modeling the loving unity and harmony that reflect the Triune God's vision for His Church.

By embracing this truth, we live as witnesses of the Gospel's power to transform lives and reconcile communities. As an intercultural Body of believers, we proclaim the message of salvation as a universal invitation, celebrating our diversity as a reflection of God's glory and the beauty of His eternal Kingdom.

#### **VIII. The Church:**

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ on earth, a spiritual family comprising Jesus-followers from every ethnicity, culture, and nation. It is a diverse yet unified community called to embody the love and mission of Christ. Following Christ's command, Jesus-followers are to be baptized in water as a profession of their faith, and are to regularly fellowship with Christ and one another in the ordinance of communion. Baptism and communion are divinely ordained means of grace, our public vows of submission to the once crucified and resurrected Christ, and anticipations of His return and of the consummation of all things. As His representatives, we are bound together by our shared faith in Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit to reflect God's Kingdom on earth.

We affirm that our diversity is a gift from God, enriching our worship, service, and witness to the world. This variety reflects the heart of God, who desires that people from every background come together to worship Him in Spirit and truth. United in Christ, we celebrate and honor the unique contributions of each culture, fostering an environment of mutual respect, belonging, and understanding.

The Church's mission is to worship God wholeheartedly, serve others selflessly, and proclaim the Gospel with boldness and love. Compelled by the love of the Triune God, we are committed to making disciples of all nations, teaching and nurturing believers to grow in their faith and live out their calling as ambassadors of Christ. This mission includes actively seeking Biblical justice, reconciliation,

and healing in a broken world, addressing underlying disparities, and building bridges of peace and understanding.

As a missional and intercultural church, we strive to be a tangible expression of God's Kingdom, where the reconciling power of the Gospel overcomes barriers of culture and language. Together, we aim to model the unity and diversity of the eternal Church, anticipating the day when people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will gather as one to worship the Lamb of God in His glorious presence.

### **IX. Christ's Return:**

We believe that in Jesus Christ the Kingdom of God has already broken into this world with His life, death, resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yet we also confess that the Kingdom is not yet fully realized. We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ, a momentous event that will fulfill God's redemptive plan for humanity and all creation, bringing the final judgment. When He returns, Christ will establish a new heaven and a new earth, renewing creation, ushering in His eternal Kingdom—a Kingdom characterized by perfect unity, peace, and justice. In this Kingdom, all divisions will be erased, and people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will dwell together in harmony, worshiping God and experiencing His presence forever.

This belief inspires us to live with joyful anticipation of Christ's return, shaping how we engage with one another and the world around us. We recognize that the variety and breadth of cultures within the body of Christ is a foretaste of the eternal Kingdom, where God's glory will be revealed through the beauty of every nation and people united in worship.

In light of this hope, we are called to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, reflecting the heart of Christ by breaking down barriers, promoting unity, and fostering understanding across cultural divides. We are also called to be agents of positive change in the world, working toward Biblical justice, peace, and restoration in anticipation of the perfect fulfillment of these ideals in Christ's Kingdom.

As a missional and intercultural church, we strive to embody this calling by actively pursuing reconciliation and healing in our relationships, within our communities, and in the broader global society. Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

we strive to address injustice, environmental abuse, systems of oppression, and demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways, offering the world a glimpse of the hope and renewal that will come in its fullness when Jesus returns.

#### **X. Our Commitment as a Missional and Intercultural Community:**

As a missional and intercultural community, we are committed to fostering an environment that reflects the love of God, where every individual, regardless of age, ethnicity, culture, or socioeconomic background, is not only welcomed but also celebrated as an integral part of our family in Christ, being a foretaste and sign, as well as a vehicle and instrument of the Kingdom of God. We pledge to create a space where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to grow in their relationship with God and to live out their unique calling and purpose fully.

We recognize that our differences are a gift from God, enriching our understanding of His character and His Kingdom. Therefore, we commit to listening deeply to one another's stories, learning from diverse perspectives, and embracing our differences with humility and grace. By doing so, we grow together in empathy, mutual respect, and love, embodying the unity that Christ prayed for among His followers.

We commit to actively dismantling barriers of misunderstanding, prejudice, and inequality, working toward a future where every member of our community can thrive in an atmosphere of Biblical justice, fairness and impartiality, and belonging. Together, we will serve as a living testament to God's love for all peoples and a powerful witness of the reconciling work of Christ.

With God's help, we will strive to be a beacon of unity in a divided world, demonstrating through our relationships and actions that the Gospel transcends all divisions. As a diverse yet unified community, we will proclaim the hope of Christ, reflecting His Kingdom on earth as we anticipate its ultimate fulfillment in eternity.