

## *Core Values*

### **CHRIST-CENTEREDNESS**

The loving, transforming way of Jesus is the motivation for and the foundation of all worship, programs and ministries of the church.

### **CARING**

Called to share God's love for each person, we seek to build a caring community to support one another through times of joy and struggle. In addition to clergy and staff, we embrace congregational care as a ministry for every member.

### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS**

We recognize all people as integral parts of the human family, created in God's image. We include everyone around Christ's table and strive to be a place where all people know they are valued for their unique experiences, opinions and gifts. We seek collaboration with other churches and other faiths to spread the inclusive love of God.

### **GENEROSITY**

Responding to God's call to be faithful stewards, we practice generous and transparent use of our resources, valuing each person's unique gifts of presence, participation and pledge.

### **INNOVATION**

We value our rich heritage, while striving to be a forward-thinking community of disciples always preparing the Church of tomorrow. We recognize and celebrate creative and courageous efforts when they succeed and when they don't.

### **JOY**

We are grateful for the gift of life and for each other. Fun and laughter are woven into the fabric of our lives together. We strive to bring a spirit of joy to all that we do.

### **JUSTICE**

We seek justice and peace through building relationships and through making small, deliberate choices and advocating for individual human rights as well as social and ecological justice. Together, we seek to bring about the world that God intends.

### **PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE**

Following the example of Jesus, we affirm principles and practices that promote peace and reduce aggression/violence.

### **TURNING OUTWARD**

Following the lead of the Holy Spirit, which drove the apostles out of the upper room and into the streets, we are also sent out into our neighborhood, city, region and world responding to the important issues of our time.