

## **Jericho Congregational Church**

### **Statement of Faith**

- 1.) We confess our faith in the one true God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 2.) We confess that God the Father is perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom and measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of mankind, hears and answers prayer and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- 3.) We confess that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man, the Word of God incarnate. Because of our sin and estrangement from God, at the Father's bidding, the Son took on flesh. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He became like us in all things apart from sin. He died on the cross to atone for our sin and reconcile us to God and on the third day rose bodily from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God the Father. He is the sole head of the Church, the only Lord and Savior of us all, who will one day return in glory, power and judgment to usher in the Kingdom of God in all its fullness.
- 4.) We confess that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and has been given the ministry of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ, convicting the world of sin, regenerating the hearts of those called by God to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers, preserving, guiding, comforting, instructing and equipping them with spiritual gifts and empowering them for witness, godly living and service.
- 5.) We confess that the Bible is the inerrant written Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit, the infallible rule of faith and practice for the Church of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures have binding authority on all people. All other sources of knowing stand under the judgment of the Word of God.
- 6.) We confess that the central content of the Scriptures is the gospel of reconciliation and redemption through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ and victory over death through His glorious resurrection from the grave. The Good News is that we are saved from judgment and eternal separation from God by the grace of God alone, the grace revealed and fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus Christ, which is received by faith. Yet, this faith does not remain alone, but inspires works of mercy, justice and love for our neighbors.
- 7.) We confess that God by His Word and Spirit calls us into the fellowship of Christ's body, the Church, whose mission is to glorify God, as a worshipful and nurturing body of believers who encourage spiritual growth consistent with Scripture. As members of Christ's body, we are sent into the world to glorify God in every area of life and to make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us. We seek to obey this commission in the full assurance that our Lord and Savior is with us always, even to the end of the age. We recognize two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion).

8.) We confess that all people are created in the image of God. As a consequence, all human life is sacred, endowed by God with inviolable worth and dignity. We are called by God to be good stewards of His entire creation.

9.) We confess that God created mankind “male and female” and ordained marriage to be between one man and one woman.

10.) We confess the literal resurrection of all people, both the living and the dead, at Christ's return: the unsaved to judgment and everlasting separation from God in hell, and the saved to an everlasting life of blessedness and joy with the Lord in heaven. AMEN