

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Elisabeth Bellows Louis Forouhar-Graff Doug Williams

STATEMENT OF OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH

Pastor Brent

Our purpose as a Church is to carry on the mission and ministry that God initiated in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, whom we recognize as the Christ. Our purpose is to represent Christ, God's saving and healing love, both locally and in the wider world.

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of Baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

Many: They have been led by the Spirit to affirm his Baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

One: They are here as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our hearts, and all our souls and all our minds. God help us.

Many: They are here, as we are here to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God help us.

One: You who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

Many: We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES AND CONGREGATION

*CONGREGATIONAL STATEMENT OF COVENANT

As we strive to fulfill our purpose, we covenant:

To worship together on a regular basis;

To strive to grow spiritually;

To open ourselves to follow God's leading in our lives both individually and as a community of faith;

To give support to and receive support from one another through life's trials and transitions;

To support and participate in the wider Christian community; and to support the institution of this church with our time, resources, and skills.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

On behalf of this church family we welcome you. We look forward to our journey of faith together. We give thanks for the chance to learn with you and grow with you – to deepen our faith, to broaden our minds and open our hearts. May God bless and enrich our time together.