



spring garden church

1000 10th Street

Delve

February 2023

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Learning to pray in new ways

by Abby Davidson

On January 14th, seventeen of us gathered in the lounge at SGC for a prayer retreat to learn more about listening to God. Our first activity was to listen to a worship song without singing along. Then we went around after and each shared about a word or a phrase that stood out to us. This practice, known as Sacred Listening, is a discipleship practice that comes from Ignatian spirituality. It can involve listening to a bible passage, a poem, or in our case a worship song to see what grabs our attention. From there, we heard from Rev. Andrea Chang, a Spiritual Director, as she taught us about the importance of listening first. We live in a world filled with words and voices where people are reluctant to listen to each other, let alone listen for the voice of God.

After this time of learning, we broke up into 2 groups for some prayer activities. One group headed downstairs to walk a prayer labyrinth while the other stayed upstairs to practice Visio Divina - the practice of meditating on an image to see what



stands out and how God might be speaking to you through that image. We all gathered back together to share lunch and had a chance to connect with each other.

The afternoon went by quickly. Everyone had come to the retreat having done their own Sacred Pathways assessment. This is a series of questions that helps you discover the ways you best connect with God. Some connect through nature, others through intellect, others through music, etc. There are 9 different pathways as outlined in the book by Gary Thomas. We spent some time in small groups discussing our top ways of connecting with God. Then we



broke up into our 2 groups again and did the prayer Labyrinth and Visio Divina exercise. We came back together at the end of the day to share about our experience and to receive a rock, each with a word that would serve as a reminder of what we heard that day.

I never know what to expect from these retreats but I am always amazed at how the Holy Spirit moves and how when we stop and take the time to listen, we discover that God is speaking. I witnessed people understanding God in new ways, understanding themselves in new ways, and appreciating how God made them. I saw moments of healing as people heard God's voice. I saw wonderful connections being made as people came together for food and to be in community. And I was reminded that God is always speaking, always reaching out to us. Sometimes because there is something we need to hear, but often it's more about being in His presence, connecting to Him, and taking the time to "be still and know that [He is] God." We all left the prayer retreat refreshed and encouraged and I'd say a few were even inspired! If you weren't able to join us then I encourage you to take some time on your own to practice one of these prayer exercises. If you need guidance or some resources, please contact me (abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca)!

VOCATIONAL MISSIONS UPDATE

Here at Spring Garden we support several vocational missionaries. Last Fall we welcomed Manuela Stephens as our newest VM. Manuela and her family have been worshipping with us at Spring for over a year now. Manuela serves Youth Unlimited as Executive Support for the ED. You can learn more about YU by visiting the YU website at www.yugta.ca.



Tell us a little bit about yourself (where are you from, what do you enjoy doing, etc.)

I am Manuela Stephens and I enjoy a good conversation with a friend over a cup of tea.

I grew up in Germany and became a Christian when I was 14. After finishing my education I went to Sweden for 1 year of bible school. That's where I met Danny, my husband. We got married and served with two different mission

organizations first in Germany and then in Sweden. We have 4 boys (10 and under) and just recently moved to Canada, where my husband grew up.

How has it been adjusting to life in Canada?

Tough. We moved to Toronto during the pandemic and so much didn't go as planned.

Tell us about YU and how long you have served with them.

Lizzie Reynolds actually connected me with Scott Moore after she heard that I previously worked for YFC Germany as the Executive Assistant. I started with YU in January after receiving my permanent residency.

How did you receive your call to serve as a missionary?

I think we are all called to be missionaries to reach people for

Jesus wherever we are. After bible school in Sweden, I was ready to go to the ends of the world. I remember a conversation with a staff person who challenged me by asking: 'What if God is sending you back home to your own people?' I didn't find that so thrilling at the age of 20 as I wanted to see more of the world. But as it turned out, he was right and I found my place with YFC Germany for the next few years.

Tell us about the community you serve in. What do you enjoy about the community you serve in?

YU's vision of seeing young lives transformed by God is where my heart is! I guess, because it changed my life forever as a teenager when my journey began with Jesus. It's exciting to be able to be part of that ministry, as I support Scott as his assistant.

How have you seen God moving?/What have you learned about God this year?

This year, I have seen how the Lord has time after time broken through the grey times of uncertainty and has blessed us with single rays of sunshine. Finding work with YU has been one of these rays of sunshine for me personally. God is faithful and in His timing he will give us what we need.

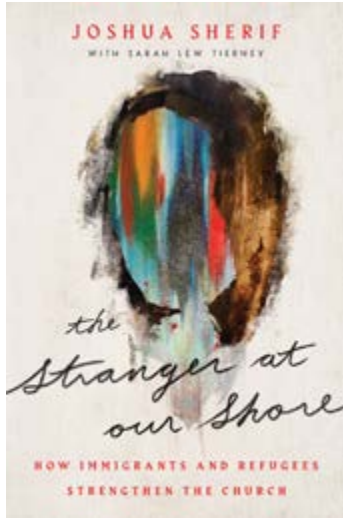
What are some ways we can support you as your church family?

It's been wonderful to have received such a warm welcome here at Spring! We have really enjoyed getting to know so many of you. Thank you for your prayers for us as a family as we are putting roots down here in Toronto. Please pray for a good solution for housing as we are currently trying to figure out where we can afford to live...



Unity In Diversity

by Anne and Garth Barron



We have just finished reading “The Stranger at our Shore” which was featured in the November issue of Delve and is available in our library. The subtitle of the is book is “How Immigrants and Refugees Strengthen the Church.” We believe that this statement is being lived out at Spring Garden. We would like to share our experience.

Two years ago, we were asked to connect with a newcomer to Spring Garden and to Canada. We were open to the experience but did not realize how much it would enrich our lives and help us to see our faith from a more global perspective.

We have a deeper understanding of what it means to wait on God and to trust Him to provide all that we need. Many immigrants and refugees have arrived in Canada leaving good paying jobs, status in their community, high levels of education and good homes. They now need to find a place to live in a city with high rents while they work to improve their English skills and to adapt to an unfamiliar culture. They wait to be granted a work permit and then hunt for a job that most likely pays minimum wage. Each day they must trust that God is guiding them and will provide for their basic needs. In the face of many struggles, they sometimes wonder if all their efforts and sacrifices are really worthwhile as they wait for the next step in the immigration process. It is a privilege to pray with them as they wait and trust.

We have also seen Joy and Freedom celebrated during Worship. In some countries worshiping God must be done in secret, underground, with constant fear of the authorities finding out and

threats of arrest. It is easy for Canadians to take freedom to gather in worship for granted - something we do as routine, but for them it is a new and precious experience. The gift of a Bible, whether in English or their own language is something they treasure. They are thankful for the time spent together learning His Word and drawing closer to God. Being able to come to church, to pray, to sing, to learn is something they cherish.

As we have journeyed with our new friends our definition of “family” has been expanded. Most immigrants and refugees have left family members back in their home country. For some they will never physically see their loved ones again. They make do with video chats and phone calls. They value the relational connection they find at church. They appreciate having someone to talk to, someone to listen to their story, someone to share a birthday with, to share a holiday meal or even just a hug.

They long for relationship. Family is more than blood relations. We have enjoyed welcoming many new brothers and sisters, sons and daughters in Christ into our family.

So, we challenge our Spring Garden Community to get to know these newcomers; reach out, have a conversation, listen to a story, help them to practice their English, go out for coffee, share a meal... The rewards will be greater than you can imagine.

Let’s all work together to continue to grow our Spring Garden Community - ethnically diverse and united in Christ.

Raso Family Update

On behalf of the Raso family and the Refugee Action Group (RAG)- thank you. Thank you everyone for your wonderful gifts during Advent—gifts of prayer and financial support for the Raso family. There is now over \$30,000 in the Refugee fund—and the average time to process an application from Lebanon has slowly decreased thus their arrival is estimated to be about 20 months away.

In 2016 SGC sponsored two of Soleman's brothers, Ahmed and Tarik and his family. The Refugee Action Group (RAG) applied to sponsor the RASO family on behalf of Spring Garden Church (SGC) during the summer of 2021.



Soleman, his wife Nesren, and their children: David (16), Abd(13), and Rama(12) live in Tripoli, Lebanon. Abd and Rama go to school two or three afternoons a week after the Lebanese children have had school for the day. They walk the 3 km to school because the school bus costs \$10.00 per month. The landlord keeps raising the rent- in November rent was \$200, but in December it increased to \$250/month. Nesren works for Child Protection International and Soleman works in construction a few days a month when work is available. They live in a fourth floor three room apartment which means all five of them live and sleep in one room. They only have one hour of electricity a day—they could pay for electricity from a private company but this is too expensive. Since there is no electricity to have running water they buy bottled drinking water. They must go to a nearby well and carry water up to their apartment for bathing and cleaning. A car battery is charged when they have electricity in order to have lights and WIFI. This is very dangerous and recently a refugee family died when the car

battery exploded—this makes the family very nervous.

Please pray with us for the Raso family for:

- Expedited approval of their immigration applications
- Stable rent, and the money to pay their rent so they will be not evicted
- Enough money to pay for food, especially fruit and vegetables which are expensive
- Safety in an environment of hunger, racism, fear, and the ongoing threat of deportation back to Syria
- Generous donations for housing and their integration into life in Canada

Phyllis McGee, Jeffrey McGee, Deb Templemyer, Carrie Wright, Tarik Risou, Carol Cunningham, Lois Williams

Do you want to share something God is doing in your life or that you see God working around you? Something that could be a positive influence for the readers? A poem, story, art, photos...? We want to hear from you!

Email delve@springgardenchurch.ca if interested.



IHOP Tuesday

To mark the beginning of Lent, join us for a night of pancakes from around the globe (including Canadian!). There will be a donation box to support our refugee family. February 21 at 6 pm.

Ministry Resource Meeting

Join us Sunday February 26th following morning worship at 11:45 am, in-person or online. We will be voting on our Ministry Budget for 2023, as well as a motion from the Nominating Committee. The Motion and other details can be found at tiny.cc/resourcemeeting While only members can vote, everyone is welcome to participate in discussion.



SGC Retreat

We believe in a communal God that invites us into community. This year we want to come together as the family of God to belong and

to be refreshed. Come join us for a time of rest and renewal as we spend time together at Fair Havens!

Date: May 26-28

Location: Fair Havens Ministries

Cost: \$150 per adult, \$75 children/youth

You can find more information about Fair Havens through their website including accommodations. <https://www.fairhavens.org/>

Please sign up at tiny.cc/springalivef by Feb. 26.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to email samlee@springgardenchurch.ca

Lunch - Prayer - Share

You are invited to join us every second Thursday from 12:00-2:00 pm in the lounge that opens off the worship area (the East Lounge). Bring a lunch, share our life journey, and pray for each other. Join us - women, men, young or older - for a relaxed time to get to know each other and God better.

For more information call Faith: 416 805-7529 or Email: faith.holwyn@gmail.com



Welcome Ukrainian Newcomers

Over the past few months, the Ukrainian community in Toronto has continued to grow as they flee the war and come to Canada. Neighbourlink North York started hosting Welcome Teas as a way for these newcomers to find community and meet their neighbours.

Starting this month, Neighbourlink will be hosting these teas at Spring Garden Church. We are happy to offer our building for these important gatherings and invite you to consider joining, either as a volunteer to help with set up and clean up or just as a participant and friendly presence. You don't need to speak Ukrainian as many of the newcomers are learning English and there are also translators who can help.

The next tea is Sunday, February 26th from 4-6pm. This will be a unique opportunity to show God's care to people who need it! If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please get in touch with Abby (abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca).

Faith Foundations: Interested in learning more about the Christian Faith and Baptism?

We will be gathering over breakfast at 8:30am on Sundays, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 to learn more about faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you are interested in learning more about Christianity, if you want to be baptized, or if you just enjoy breakfast with others, then this is for you.

You can sign up by visiting tiny.cc/faithfoundations.



Supporting Seniors in our Community

Did you know that seniors are at an increased risk of isolation and loneliness? We have been invited by the residents of Willowdale Manor and Neighbourlink North York to offer support and Connection to vulnerable seniors living in our

neighbourhood. Join us at Willowdale Manor (175 Cummer Ave.) on the following dates for board games, food and other fun activities.

The next event is a Paint Night on Wednesday February 15: 3:30-6pm.

Other dates:

- Thursday March 2: 4-6pm
- Thursday March 16: 4-6pm
- Thursday March 30: 4-6pm

If you can attend one, some or all of these events then please let Abby(abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca) know.

Lent Series: Seven Words

We believe that discipleship and growth happen in intentional community and that is why during Lent, we are offering a common curriculum based on the last words of Jesus. We will use the book Seven Words by Susan Robb as a guide for our Life Groups studies. Seven Words looks at Jesus' final sayings in their biblical and historical context and shows us how they offer hope and encouragement for today. This Lent study is not about what we give up during the forty days leading up to Easter but about growing in intimacy with Jesus as we listen to his voice.

If you are interested in joining a Life Group during the six weeks of Lent, you can visit tiny.cc/SGCLifeGroups. Groups meet at church, in homes and on different days of the week. We have online and in-person groups. To sign-up, fill out the form at the link above and a Life Group leader will contact you shortly.

Life Groups

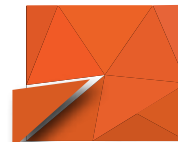
Life Groups are a place where we do life together in a community centered around Jesus. They are designed for you to pursue spiritual growth, community and mission together. We offer Life Groups so everyone can have a place to belong. Life Groups are small gatherings of people who form a community. Group members share life together through friendship, learn from the Bible and other resources, pray for and give support to one another, and participate in God's mission together. They are safe places where you can meet new people, discover your gifts for service, grow as a follower of Jesus, and have a lot of fun together.

Groups gather in homes or online throughout the week. Each group is as unique as the people in it. No matter where you are in life, there is a Life Group for you.

Please email Abby at abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca to join or for more information.



Kevin & Suzanna
Sundays at 1pm
Every other week
In-Person at Spring Garden



Abby & Bruce
Mondays
Weekly from 6pm - 8pm
In-Person in Scarborough



Jeff & Phyllis
Wednesday evenings
Weekly
ONLINE



David
Thursdays
Weekly from 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Online and In-Person at Spring Garden

Interested in joining a Life Group, visit tiny.cc/SGCLifeGroups.

SGC Kids:

Hi Everyone!

Here is what's happening this month with our Kid's Ministry!

You can register children for worship on Sunday mornings at the child and youth check-in area. We will have sticker name tags for our children to wear so we can get to know each other during our worship time in the basement.

Here are the age groups we have available for children's worship on Sunday mornings:

Group Structure:

Nursery & Toddlers (0 - 2 Yrs) - Orange Room

Pre K - SK (3 Yrs - 5 Yrs) - Green Room

Gr 1 - 3 - Blue Room Drop Off - Yellow Room Pick Up

Gr 4 & 5 - Blue Room

Family Registration Forms 2023: For us to provide our ministry to the children of our church, we require new registration forms to be filled out by their families every year as part of our policy. Please fill out our form through this link <http://tiny.cc/SGCFamilyRegistration>

New Things Are Happening!!!

We are very excited to share that our kid's worship area is being refreshed and updated to have a new look and feel!

After months of discussions and prayerful discernment, we are so excited to share this with you! We know the spaces our children worship in greatly influence their experiences as part of God's church and family. So, we are building on our ministry with the hope and knowledge that God will use and move through our faithful desire to serve the children of Spring Garden Church.

Here is some of what is happening!

- New flooring in and near our Nursery and Toddler spaces.
- Merging two rooms and creating a more expansive/adaptable space.
- Repainting the halls and classrooms
- Creating a "Spring City" theme to label our spaces downstairs
- Designing a cityscape mural throughout the kid's ministry spaces
- Redesigning the inside of our rooms to feel more welcoming and conducive for kids to engage in spiritual conversations.

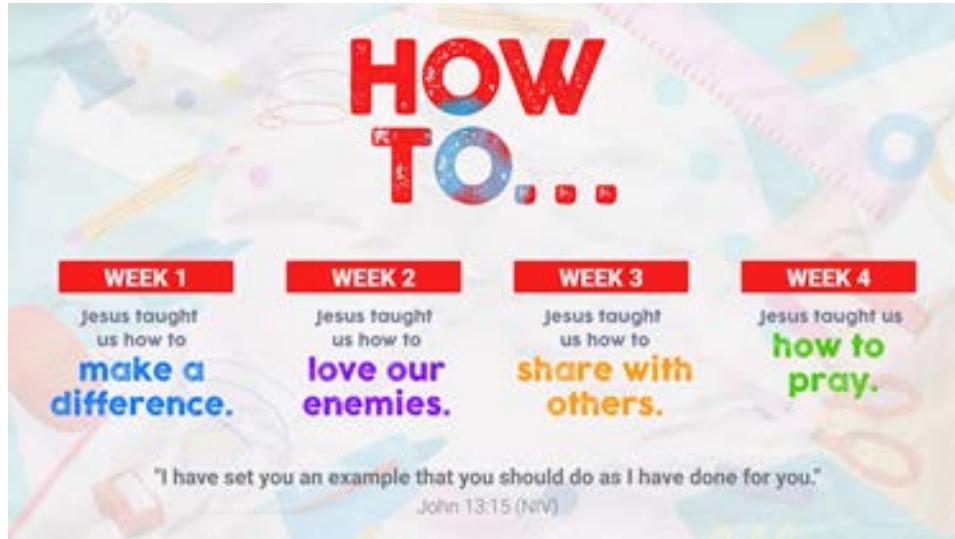


There is a lot more going on, so stay tuned as we share the development and progress of this project!

A special thank you goes out to Clem, Peggy, Krysten, Deb, Neil, and Mark, whose dedication and effort made this possible.

If you have any questions about what is happening, please contact Jeremy (jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca) for more information!

Here is what we will be talking about on Sundays!



How To...: A 4-Week Series From Matthew on Jesus' Teachings

- The internet helps us learn how to do so many things! From new skate tricks and viral recipes to helpful hacks, there's a "how-to" for almost everything. But is there a tutorial video for how to follow God? This four-week series is kind of like that – thanks to some tutorials from Jesus! Each week, we'll focus on one of Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount as we learn "how to" **make a difference, love our enemies, share with others, and pray.**



Online Resources For Home

To help serve your family better, we have uploaded all our SGC Kids' curricula online. The following link can be used to access our curriculum and use it at home, as well as find info pamphlets for following up with kids on what was discussed during their worship on Sunday mornings.

SGC Kids Curriculum Link: <http://tiny.cc/OnlineCurriculum>

Spring Youth

Sunday Morning Worship Gatherings:

February 5th, 12th, 19th: We will have regular worship gatherings for youth in grades 6-12. Following the children and youth's blessing, the youth can move into our lounge to continue in worship.

Feb 26th - Youth are encouraged to join our upstairs worship on the last Sunday of each month.

Youth Life Groups:

Sr High Life Groups: Feb 5th & 19th - Our Sr High life group will meet in our building following the morning worship. We will gather in our youth lounge to have lunch and talk about the life and ministry of Jesus. To ensure enough food is prepared, please email Jeremy (along with any allergy/food restriction info) to let us know!

Time: 11:30 pm-2:30 pm

Cost: \$5

Feb 24th: Jr High Life Groups - Our Jr High life groups will meet in our building this month. Unlike our regular youth events, Life Groups focuses on intentionally living life as a community. We want to engage in conversations with youth about what is happening around us and the struggles we face.

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$0 (Dinner will not be provided, but we will have snacks and treats)

Friday Youth Gatherings:

Feb 3rd: Watch Party - We are gathering at our building to watch a movie together. After the movie, we will also talk about the different challenges, themes and experiences we can see in our movie's story.

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per youth (Dinner included)

Feb 10 - 12: Jr High Winter Retreat - Youth in grades 6-8 registered for our retreat will join us for a weekend away in partnership with Immanuel Baptist Church.

Our Jr high retreat is currently at capacity. If you would like to be added to our waitlist, please contact Jeremy.

Feb 17th: Craft Night - We will meet at our building to work on personal crafts and art projects together. We will have various craft options for youth and a larger team project for our youth lounge. To ensure enough food is prepared, please email Jeremy to let us know! *We are continuing our larger wood craft in addition to smaller individual crafts*

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per youth (Dinner included)

Staying Updated:

To stay up to date on what is happening for your youth, please visit our google calendar which has all our planned events.

<http://tiny.cc/YouthCal>

Bonus image of our newly painted basement:



Our current preaching series is about our shared values (see back cover). The following books are suggested related readings for some of these values.

Stewards of God's gifts



Caring for creation: responsible stewardship of God's handiwork, by Calvin DeWitt and others
261.8 DEW

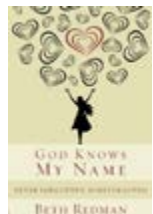


Stewards of Eden: what scripture says about the environment and why it matters, by Sandra Richter
261.RIC

God of grace



The grace of God by Andy Stanley
234 STA



God knows my name: never forgotten, forever loved, by Beth Redman
231.7 RED

Creative gifts



The artist's way: a spiritual path to higher creativity, by Julia Cameron
153.35 CAM



Breaking old rhythms: answering the call of a creative God, by Amena Brown
248.4 BRO

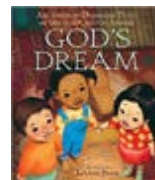
Diversity



The beautiful community: unity, diversity, and the church at its best, by Irwyn Ince
262 INC



Different like me, by Xochitl Dixon (picture book)
PIC DIX

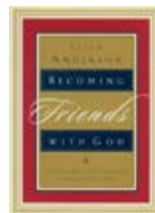


God's dream, by Desmond Tutu (picture book)
PIC TUT

Journey of faith



Apprenticeship with Jesus: learning to live like the master, by Gary Moon
248.4 MOO



Becoming friends with God: a devotional invitation to intimacy with God, by Leith Anderson
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Giving is one of the ways in which we can respond to a generous God. We give because it is a part of our discipleship and an act of worship. Please give as you feel led. For more information please go to our website at: <https://www.springgardenchurch.ca/give>.

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What's Happening

Life in Spring Garden

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Weekly

All Throughout the Week	<p>LIFE GROUPS</p> <p>Connect for Community Together through bible study, prayer and sharing. Meet online and in-person. Please email abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca for more information or to join one. See more on page 12.</p>	
Sundays	<p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10am</p> <p>Join us Sunday mornings as we go through different series' (read more). Join us at: www.springgardenchurch.ca/live or come in-person.</p>	
	<p>ESL BIBLE STUDY 11:40am</p> <p>Are you new to the English language and interested in learning more about Jesus? We are offering this weekly lesson on Sundays at 11:40am. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. Please email Abby (abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca) if you would like to sign up.</p>	
Tuesdays	<p>PASTORAL TEAM MEETING 10am - 12pm</p> <p>We meet mostly on Tuesday. Please pray for us for wisdom and inspiration.</p>	
Thursdays	<p>MOMS' MEET UP (at Spring Garden) 10am</p> <p>Mothers coming together for fellowship in a baby and kid friendly environment. Contact Abby at abbydavidson@springgardenchurch.ca</p>	
Every other Thursday	<p>LUNCH-PRAYER-SHARE 12pm</p> <p>See page 12 Call Faith: 416 805-7529 or Email: faith.holwyn@gmail.com</p>	

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If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail update on what's happening in Spring Garden, please visit the SGC website (www.springgardenchurch.ca) and add your email address at the bottom of our home page (scroll down).

Also keep your eye on our Events page at: www.springgardenchurch.ca/events.

Our Values

We believe in a humble God who came not to be served, but to serve. Therefore we engage in sacrificial and active service to those around us. We strive to be good stewards of God's gifts and talents by serving one another in humility. We aspire to regard others as higher than ourselves, which liberates us to creatively take risks in serving others for God's glory.

We believe in a God of grace who came to save the world, not to condemn it. Therefore, as we are continuously receiving the gift of God's grace, we seek to grow in that grace and extend it to others. We strive to define ourselves by what we are for, not what we are against.

We believe in a God who knows us, and who desires to be known. Therefore we embrace a journey of faith that requires us to constantly strive for a personal, intimate and transformative knowledge of God. We strive to be led by God's Spirit in supporting and encouraging one another in working out our faith.

We believe in a creative God. Therefore we are open to expressing our faith in new and creative ways that reflect the beauty and complexity of our creator. We are called to use our creative gifts in worship and service as we engage with our world. We take joy in the diversity of gifts that allow us to delight God and participate in His ongoing story.

We believe in a triune, relational God who calls us to come together as a diverse community of believers. Therefore, we want to walk together, supporting one another physically, emotionally and spiritually. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive family that goes through the joys and the trials of life together, acknowledging that God uses this community to deepen and mature our faith.

We believe in a God who loves this broken world and wants to reconcile us to Himself. Therefore we are commissioned by Christ to go out into the world, meeting the holistic needs of the local and global community. God calls us to participate in a redemptive work that he has already initiated; in humility, we will partner with others to work alongside and chase after Him.

We believe in a God who is our centre. Therefore where we are on the journey is less important than that we are moving towards a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe and participate in God's redemptive work in all people, which gives us the freedom to come as we are, and to accept others as they are. We each are on a unique journey to become who God has created us to be.

