

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Written by the Confirmation Class
Henrietta United Church of Christ
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We believe in God, the Creator of everything,
who wants us to be the best we can be,
but forgives us when we mess up,
who protects and heals us
and is really cool and awesome!

We believe that God came to earth in Jesus,
who stood up against injustice
and gave himself for others;
who lived and died and rose again
to show us how much God loves us;

We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who is with us always,
who calls us to love each other
and to take care of the whole earth.
who guides us and gives us courage,
who walks with us and gets us through hardships,
and keeps on loving us no matter what.

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We believe in God, the creator of everything,
who gave us the earth to walk upon and care for,
who is fair and loving to everyone
—not just the honest people,
like a cheerleader who says, “Go! You can do this!”

We believe that God came to us in Jesus,
a miracle-maker and risk-taker,
who loves and judges and forgives,
and inspires us to love each other,
and shows us how to be human
by giving his life for us;
who breaks through power structures
to show us the nature of God
and to reconcile God's people;

We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
that unique, interactive, mysterious energy,
who makes things happen,
who is with us always and everywhere,
whose perpetual motion lives in us and leads us
now and always.

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We believe in God

our rock and our river,
our loving foundation who is always there,
who creates the world and stirs things up,
and can make anything happen,
who lets us choose and make mistakes,
but wants the best for us,
who protects and shelters us as we explore the world,
who sends the sun and rain on EVERYONE,
who believes in us and helps us to believe in each other;

We believe in Jesus,

Mary and Joseph's boy, God's Son and our Savior, too!
He was humble and willing to help,
a surprising teacher and healer,
who carried out God's vision
and called us to do the same,
a Jewish rabbi who loved and challenged everyone,
a courageous, non-violent lawbreaker and risk-taker,
who stayed in relationship with those who hated him
and cared for them to the very end.
He lived—and died—and lives in us—
and points us toward God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

who gives us life and breath,
who reminds us we're loved
and inspires us to love others,

who guides and comforts, blesses and plays with us,
who gives us faith and drives us to acts of courage,
who forgives and cleanses, anoints and sanctifies us
for God's holy purpose.

We celebrate the Church

a place of conversation and sharing from the heart,
a community of fun and bonding, acceptance and
challenge, seeking and welcoming,
a home where questions are allowed and doubts are
explored,
a family where joys and sorrows are shared,
a support for people in any kind of trouble,
a symphony of prayer and poetry, music and melody,
a body of believers, forgiving and embracing,
standing up and speaking out,
a table set for friends and strangers.

Yes, we believe! Yes, we celebrate! Hallelujah!

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We believe in God

Divine and amazing, yet close and loving,
Who made us and everything else,
Who looks out for us and challenges us
And never stops reaching out to us,
Who is always ready to forgive, to reassure
And to give us more chances every day,
Who was there from the beginning
And is with us to the very end.

We believe in Jesus, God's Son,

Our Teacher, Friend and Savior,
Who told stories about life and preached in public,
Who cured sick people and gives us sight,
Who taught generosity and calms our fears,
Who raised the dead and raises our spirits,
Who was angry enough to drive out the money changers
And forgiving enough to pardon his enemies,
Who walked on water and on dusty roads,
And understands our doubts and temptations,
Who prayed for strength in the face of death
And lives again in us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

The warm presence that gives us happiness
The energy that moves through us and helps us to do
God's will
The strength that helps us to be who we're meant to be

The source of courage that is there in tough times,
The fire in our souls, the wind of creativity, the breath of
life.

We celebrate the Church

God's ordinary people,
Gathered in buildings but sent out to serve,
A diverse community that includes us in fun and in work,
Worshiping God,
Caring for each other,
Bonding with each other,
Welcoming strangers,
Working for justice,
Praying for the whole world.

Thanks be to God for life and faith and hope and love!