

*Basis of Union 1925

Article I. Of God.

We believe in the one only living and true God,
a Spirit, infinite, eternal,
and unchangeable,
in His being and perfections;
the Lord Almighty, who is love,

most just in all His ways, most glorious in holiness, unsearchable in wisdom, plenteous in mercy, full of compassion, and abundant in goodness and truth.

We worship Him in the unity of the God-head
and the mystery of the Holy Trinity,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
three persons of the same substance,
equal in power and glory.

*Currently the only "Official" Statement of Faith.

Personal Reflections

Are there words here, in which your heart delights?

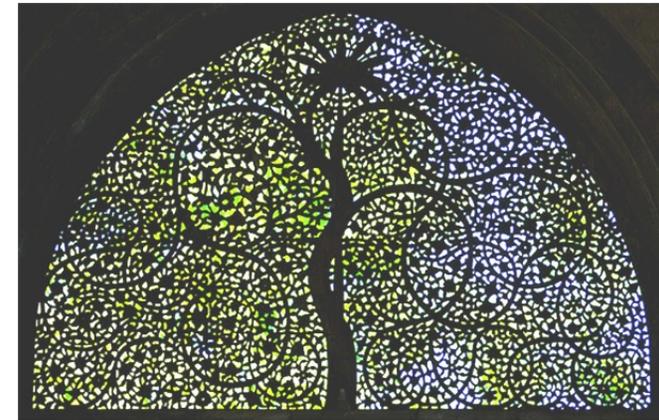
Are there words here that make you ask questions?

Are there words here that form a barrier to understanding?

Are there words here that make you say "Aha – that helps me!"

Are there words here you think are helpful to other people?

You may ask for complete copies of all the Statements of Faith from the minister, or look at <http://www.united-church.ca/files/beliefs/statements/our-words-of-faith.pdf>



What do we say of God?



Seeking to be faithful in every age and place, we try to speak of that for which words are not enough.

The United Church of Canada has asked every congregation to review **The Statement of Faith 1940**, the "**Song of Faith**" and "**A New Creed**" and vote on whether these statements should be **added with** the old **1925 Basis of Union**, as ways the United Church will formally and officially describe our faith.

These brochures compare what the statements say:

Of God
Of Revelation (how we find God in the world)
Of Jesus
Of the Sacraments
Of the Holy Spirit
Of Life in Christ
Of the Church

A New Creed

**We are not alone,
We live in God's world**

**We believe in God
Who has created and is creating...**



God is

Holy Mystery,
beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

Yet, in love,
the one eternal God seeks relationship.

So God creates the universe
and with it the possibility of being
and relating.

God tends the universe,
mending the broken and reconciling the
estranged.

God enlivens the universe,
guiding all things toward harmony with
their Source.

Grateful for God's loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.

With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

God, Christ, and Spirit

Mother, Friend, and Comforter
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of
Love,

and in other ways that speak faithfully of
the One on whom our hearts rely,

the fully shared life
at the heart of the universe.

We witness to Holy Mystery
that is Wholly Love.

God is creative and self-giving,
generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the
universe.
Nothing exists that does not find its source
in God.

Our first response to God's providence
is gratitude.

We sing thanksgiving.

I. God

We believe in God, the eternal personal
Spirit, Creator and Upholder of all things.

We believe that God, as sovereign Lord
exalted above the world, orders and
overrules all things in it to the
accomplishment of His holy, wise, and
good purposes.

We believe that God made man to love
and serve Him; that He cares for him as a
righteous and compassionate Father;
and that nothing can either quench His
love or finally defeat His gracious purpose
for man.

So we acknowledge God as Creator,
Upholder, and Sovereign Lord of all
things, and the righteous and
loving Father of men.
