

FCCW Statement of Core Values

As a Beloved Community of Friends in Christ, we value the following:

Worship

The celebration of God's love is the heart of our life together as a Beloved Community of Friends in Christ. We are uplifted by beautiful music. We are inspired by scripture, our pastor's relatable message, by guest sermons and faith stories from members of our congregation. We experience profound connection to one another as we share our joys, concerns, and prayers. We nourish our spirit outside of Sunday worship with second hour discussions and Bible Study. Worshiping as a community gives us respite and replenishes our spirit, energizing us to continue to live our faith in the world.

Service to Others

"But be doers of the word, not simply hearers," we are admonished by scripture (James 2:22). We seek to balance contemplation and action, faith and works, worship and service. As we experience profound relation to one another and to God in worship, we are impelled outward to care for members of our own congregation and to assist others in the wider community and the world whose issues include food insecurity, social and racial injustice, effects of climate change, mental health crises, and loneliness. Where there is a need, we look to fill that need with volunteer assistance, financial donations, and partnering with organizations that are already doing important work.

Openness and Inclusivity

As we worship and serve, we are committed to do so in a spirit of openness and inclusivity. "For God shows no partiality," Paul tells us (Romans 2:11). We recognize and celebrate the inherent divinity of each person as a child of God. All are valued, all are welcome "without regard to race, nationality, age, marital status, gender, mental, emotional or physical challenges, economic status, or sexual orientation" (FCCW Open and Affirming Statement, 1993).

Building Community through Relationships

Through worship and service, we recognize the value of being together with individuals who lift our spirits and remind us that God is the God of love. We seek to build relationships and care for those in our congregation in a spirit of hope and togetherness.

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