

Walk humbly with God: The walk we walk

We are a community characterized by humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace. We strive to be humble as Jesus taught and strong in the Faith without insisting on our own way. Jesus set the example for humility and we strive to do as Jesus did. Although Jesus was humble and taught humility, he was also a man of internal and outward strength. Guided by the Holy Spirit we listen to and respect each other's point of view. We communicate with gentleness and patience.

In the book of James we learn that, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble'. When we humble ourselves, we are strong in the Lord. We want to learn, understand, and be part of other cultures. It is not important that we have right answers, simply that we approach life together in a righteous way. No matter the age, we choose an intentional life with Christ within our community and the world around us. We heed the call of daily strife and joy, and answer back with a resounding voice of community and understanding.

Love kindness: A community of healing and love

We seek to have a healing presence. We listen to each other's joys and hopes, concerns and sorrows, while providing a safe environment for healing. We grow emotionally and spiritually from the supportive relationships we share. We feel appreciated, understood, and gain confidence from this love and support. We know we make a difference in each other's lives. We love one another as God first loved us.

With this confidence we reach out to the world around us. God's presence is there for all to witness. Healing can be what we do without knowing; the way we care for one another by listening and the way we share our love with or without words. Our love of God and our love of others cannot be separated.

Do Justice: We are a Center of Service

The Holy Spirit walks with us and guides us on this way to hear the needs and hopes of others within our community and those far removed. The world is often a frightening place but God tells us to "go into" the world and take the Word with us. Our love overflows into the world through our service.

We are dedicated to bringing new possibilities to fruition; we are inventive, flexible, aware of the real world, and fearless. We are a link from the word of the Lord to the outside world, and serve as a call to action for those in need. We want to share what we have.

God calls us to be peacemakers and seek justice in our own community as well as in the world. In response we give freely of the time and talents God has first given us. We establish bridges of listening and understanding in our community. In a world full of cruelty and injustice, a world seemingly unaware of where to find hope and love, we are a family of believers who reach out: embracing one another and sharing our vision.

As our faith continues to grow and change, we pray for continued guidance and a renewed understanding of humility, love and service.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen