

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “I Believe...”

(adapted from the New Kilpatrick Parish Church in the United Kingdom - Greg Donelson) (see insert)

Men: Read *Italicized* Print Women: Read **Bold** Print

Men: *We believe in the One who awakens us, in Jesus Christ, the one who walked our earth; whose God-light shone through Him to all who would see it.*

Women: We believe in God’s only son, the One whose life came from the very life of God; the One who is our Lord, our guide, our teacher, our friend.

Men: *We believe in the One who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, whose life embodies God’s creative imagination and power.*

Women: We believe in the One born of young Mary, who sang love’s song at His beginning, blessed to become the Holy Mother of God-With-Us.

Men: *Although He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was rejected by the powers of the world and was crucified, it was through His execution that He shared the death that will come to us all.*

Women: Though love had been killed, he yet loved by descending to the place of the dead. Breaking down the final barrier, He continued to redeem and make whole.

Men: *And though they thought His burial was the end, yet on the third day nothing could contain, bind, or hold Him. He rose again, and so the life of Jesus continues on.*

Women: And the story continues to be told and believed—a story of renewal, transformation and life again.

Men and Women (together): *We are amazed, awakened and believe. His name is Jesus. The generosity of our God cannot be outdone or contained.*