Core Values 2021

Courageous Service: Following Jesus' model for us, our calling is to serve and not be served, and give our lives to set others free. (Matt. 20:28) Sometimes in serving others, we are vulnerable to negative receptions from others. Still, we desire to risk and serve.

Extravagant Hospitality: Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors symbolizing God's abundance for all. (Matt. 11:19) He created space for those on the margins, accepting them as they are, and gave them space to be made new. As his body in this world, we offer his extravagant hospitality.

Transformational Worship: Jesus taught that we worship in spirit and truth, and that worship changes us. Paul wrote that having our minds made new is our "spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1) We seek to offer transformational worship and expect to be made new through our worship.

Compassionate Justice: Compassion compels us to seek life and public community that fulfills God's expectations for our life together. God demands compassion over holiness, where all humanity is made in God's image, has enough, and is treated fairly. "Do justice, love compassion, walk humbly with your God." (Hosea 6:8)

Joyful Generosity: We seek to look at our world through eyes of abundance and desire to give as we have received. God gives us an abundance of all things through an abundance of grace. John 1:16 describes it as "grace upon grace." God's abundance given to us includes our time, abilities and money. Paul teaches that a form of grace is joy. In joy we give out of the abundance we have received.

Purposeful Community: It is in our life together where we learn, grow, and form relationships that stir us into being better followers of Jesus. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." There is deeper meaning to our gatherings beyond conversations regarding the weather. We seek that purpose.