

## **Our Values and Practices**

We come together as a community of equals, as a refuge for the marginalized and the misfits, as a human family longing to be made whole, as a spiritual community journeying together into Jesus's way of freedom, love, joy, mercy, justice and peace.

As such, we hold these values in common and seek to practice them in community:

**Connection**: We nurture connection with God, ourselves, and one another through spiritual practices, scripture exploration, spending time in nature, throwing parties, and hosting meaningful conversations.

**Belonging**: We make space for people from a variety of walks of life to come together, to share their stories, hopes, questions and struggles, and to fully participate in our life together.

**Becoming**: As life-long learners, we value curiosity and openness over certainty. We are shaped by diverse voices and perspectives and are committed to confronting our biases and prejudices.

**Creativity:** We are inspired to embrace change with courage, trust and imagination. We experiment with many ways of gathering and foster an atmosphere of openness, simplicity and freedom.

**Engagement:** We see faith as a practice for the common good, not a commodity to be consumed. The spiritual journey is meant to make a difference in how we live, love ourselves, treat our neighbors, and care for the earth.