

A Statement on Racism
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As Christians and as Presbyterians, we believe strongly in the image of God that is equally within every human being and in the power of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Both affirm the belovedness and value of all human beings, not in spite of but because of each unique part of who they are.

As a historically confessional church, we confess the ways that we participate in the issues and systems of racism that surround us. Racism is a sin and is in direct opposition to what God intends for humanity. It is not just an issue of the past but a crisis that we must address and act upon in this present moment.

We seek forgiveness for our failure to act—for the times we have not spoken, for the times we have not walked alongside our sisters and brothers to fight for equality, for the times we have not ensured that all have felt welcomed and valued as equal partners.

Trinity Presbyterian Church commits, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to join the struggle for racial justice. We believe this is a Kairos moment—a critical time and opportunity for our church and our nation to bring change forward through words and actions that honor and value the rich diversity and beauty of the whole human family, of every ethnicity and culture.

In this moment we commit to:

- Learning—Both individually and as a community, we will learn from others to broaden our understanding of equality and how racism has led to injustice and inequality in our society.
- Engaging—Through prayer, through creating space and listening to our brothers and sisters, and through honest dialogue, we will dig deeper and persist even when it is uncomfortable.
- Acting—We will walk alongside as an ally, sharing in the struggle for justice, and standing up even when we are scared and even when it comes at a cost.

We commit to be a part of God's transforming work so that all people know they are beautifully and wonderfully made, cared for and valued, and can fully and freely live into who they were created to be.