

# Restoration Statement Of Worship

Today, we are gathered to worship God.

We are not consumers or critics.

We are not here to be entertained or placated.

We are here to encounter the sacred and participate in holy union.

Everything we do here is a response to God's creative and restorative love.

God is singing over us, knitting us together,

shaping us into a masterpiece reflecting the glory of the divine.

Our identity is rooted in the deep belonging of this love,

so we humbly receive the wholeness and dignity that God bestows.

As we gather here on the first day of each week,

We are bringing the labor of our day-to-day lives, knowing it is not in vain.

We bring both our joys and our anxieties, laying them all at the foot of the cross.

We bring our emotions, our experiences, and our vocations.

We bring our relationships, our perceptions, and our choices.

We offer our lives as a living sacrifice.

As a gathered church, we are a mosaic of God's mercy.

We seek to embody God's compassion,

sharing the load of each other's burdens with cross-shaped love.

We seek to embody God's equity and justice,

building tables for fellowship rather than walls that divide.

We each run the race set before us,

mindful of those in our midst who have been injured along the way.

We bind up their wounds and hold them as they move forward in healing.

We receive grace and forgiveness in order to give them back away in the name of Jesus.

We see God's beauty more fully through the testimonies of this great cloud of witnesses.

Today, we join all of creation in longing for God's wholeness and shalom.

Today, we join saints of the past, present, and future in the declaration of God's goodness.

