

*Credo* – I believe. I believe in the One, Holy, Triune God whom I have known in my heart since I was a small child. The Holy God is Love and out of love created and runs all the universes that exist; out of love created us humans who, somehow, are created in the Holy One's image and likeness – a reality which I am spending my life exploring and naming. God like a shepherd leads us, like a father holds us, like a mother births and feeds us. As I get older I sense the mystery, holiness, awesomeness, and beauty of God ever more deeply.

*Credo* – I believe. I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the Holy God, Healer, Teacher, Savior, Redeemer, First-Fruit of God's salvation, Word of God, Older Brother, Head of his Body, the Church. It is through him that I have learned of the nature of the Holy God. It is through his life, his death and his resurrection that I have come to understand God's fierce love for us mortals, and God's deep desire for us to flourish and be saved. For we humans have turned away from goodness and truth, we have hidden and defied our God, and fallen into sin, into ways that bring pain and death to each other and to the planet which is our lovely garden home. We have marred the image and likeness of God within ourselves. Yet God, who poured Godself into human form, the Son, Jesus Christ, stops at nothing to rescue and redeem us. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, we have been given abundant and eternal life, not based on any work of our own, but as a free gift of mercy and grace.

I have known and talked with God's Son, Jesus of Nazareth since I was a small child; and even when I walked through times of doubt and disbelief, as in my college years, he stayed with me and gently led me back to himself. He is my Savior and the pioneer and author of my faith.

*Credo* – I believe. The Holy God continues to pour out the gift of divine power and love through the Holy Spirit, especially through the church of Christ Jesus, his Body on earth. Through the sacrament of baptism, The Holy Spirit binds together the motley group of the faithful into covenant community, guiding and empowering us to do the Holy One's will on earth as in heaven. Through the Spirit, Jesus Christ dwells among us, making us one with him, renewing us with eternal manna through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Through the Spirit, the church is to exhibit the kingdom of heaven on earth, bringing light into the darkness of the world, bringing healing to the sick, justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, care to all of God's creatures, and working for peace on earth. And as we serve God, we anticipate the coming of the full reign of God, saying, "Come Lord Jesus!"

*Credo* – I believe. As a daughter of the Reformation, my beliefs are shaped by the Reformed faith, under the authority of the Holy Scriptures through which I daily encounter the living God. With daily readings and group Bible study, I chew on these words of Scripture to know the Word of God and to live a life of praise, service and enjoyment of the One I love, God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.