



**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

# We are Disciples of Christ,

a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. Disciples Statement of Identity

## Attributes of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**An open Table:** The Lord's Supper (communion) is celebrated weekly and is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.

**Freedom of belief:** Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While Disciples are free to follow their consciences guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer, they are also expected to extend that freedom to others.

**Believer's baptism:** In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God begins. Although Disciples most commonly practice baptism by immersion, other baptismal practices are honored.

**The unity of the church:** By God's grace and love made known in Jesus Christ, all are called to seek the unity of the church and oneness among all Christians in common witness and service to the world.

**The priesthood of all believers:** Ordained and commissioned ministers as well as lay persons share in the leadership of the church in worship, service and spiritual growth.

**A passion for justice:** Disciples affirm our need to work with ecumenical and global partners to heal the brokenness of the body of Christ and the human community.



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