

**Statement of Vision, Mission, and Values of Hancock Church
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Our vision:

Inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus, we are changing the world through love, compassion, and courage.

Our mission:

In the revolutionary spirit of our Christian faith, we invite you to join us as we

- **worship God with all our hearts and minds**

At Hancock we worship God, together in communal worship as well as in our individual faith practices. Trusting in God's grace, we believe our worth is God-given, not earned or achieved. From this place we seek to worship in ways that are intellectually honest and relevant to the world in which we live, listening to the still speaking God and to one another with both head and heart.

- **walk our spiritual paths together**

We walk our spiritual paths together, without judgment, honoring where each of us is in our journey, and supporting and encouraging each other along the way. Questions and doubts are welcome. Through lifelong learning we seek to feed the spiritual hunger in each of us with all that Christianity has to offer. We equip our children and youth with a foundation of faith and love that can adapt and sustain them as they grow.

- **cherish one another**

We cherish one another, and we ask for help when we need it. Authentic and vulnerable, we come together in community, accepting each other as we are, heart and soul, gifts and needs, laughing and crying together, throughout all of life. You are welcome here. You are safe here. We take care of one another at all stages of life, honoring each other's gifts, abilities, points of view, and graces.

- **build community in a diverse world**

We believe wholeheartedly that God loves everyone, and we work to live our covenant of welcome every day. We respect other faith traditions, recognizing that the ties that bind us are much stronger than our differences. We actively collaborate with diverse faith communities to advance the common good.

- **protect the earth**

We are inspired by the beauty of the earth, and often experience God personally in nature. We recognize in humility that we are part of the intricate, evolved web of life on earth and not lords over it. We seek to be good stewards of the earth, and commit ourselves to work for sustainability and climate justice to protect the earth and those who are most vulnerable to its degradation.

- **work for the common good**

We confront the systems and sources of injustice in the world today, including racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, poverty, and selfishness of all kinds. We seek to protect the most vulnerable. We inspire people to embrace love, dispel fear, and be a light in the world.

At Hancock Church, we amplify the voice of progressive faith as we speak to contemporary issues. We read scripture seriously but not literally. Through God's love, we are transformed. Thus encouraged, we train leaders to carry this work into the world.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Our values:

Our commitments to

- love God and one another
- work for social justice
- serve others

are rooted in our core values of

- faithfulness
- inclusion
- compassion
- gratitude
- generosity
- humility
- vulnerability
- courage
- integrity