

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)*

### **Values:**

- Acceptance + Transformation
  - We see everyone as created in the image of God and extend God's welcome.
    - "So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them." (Genesis 1:27)
  - We invite everyone into the journey of growing more into the likeness of Christ.
    - "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2)
- Action + Rest
  - We put our faith into practice by how we live our daily lives.
    - "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:17)
  - We take the sabbath commandment seriously and find ways to engage in holy restoration.
    - "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it." (Exodus 20:8-11)
- Community + Solitude
  - We commit to sharing life among others in intentional community.
    - "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - We acknowledge the need for solitude in order to bring our best selves into the communal space.
    - "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." (Mark 1:35)
- Resistance + Embrace
  - We resist practices and ideologies that cause harm to our relationship with God, ourselves, our neighbors, and creation.

- Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” (Jeremiah 1:9-10)
  - We embrace ways of living that bear good fruit and increase love of God and neighbor.
    - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let’s follow the Spirit.” Galatians 5:22-25

### **Practices:**

- Spiritual Formation
  - Participating in communal + individual practices, such as reading Scripture, prayer, worship, confession, fasting, simplicity, and service, among others.
- Table Fellowship
  - Sharing meals with residents, guests, and the community and partaking in regular communion.
- Discipleship
  - Growing into the likeness of Christ through learning, conversation, experience, and life together.
- Good works
  - Using our gifts, passions, and resources to love God, love others, benefit our neighbors, and for the good of all creation.

### **Program Areas:**

- Hospitality: Creating a safe and welcoming space where anyone can experience the loving presence of God.
  - “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7)
- Sustainability: Reconciling our relationship with creation through practices of wise stewardship.
  - “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1)
- Creativity: Serving as co-creators with God and using our gifts to bring forth valuable content.
  - “Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things God has made.” (Romans 1:20)