

**SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021**  
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Perhaps you recall saying this line in worship, *"In life and in death we belong to God."* It is the opening line to A Brief Statement of Faith composed after the reunion of the PCUS and UPCUSA - the two largest U.S. Presbyterian denominations in 1983. The statements of this confession of faith will, in time become a part of our Order of Worship along with the older declarations of the Apostles' and Nicene Creed.

Creeds or Confessions are provided as aids to memory. These documents, written at specific moments in history and with the needs of the present in mind keep us aware of God's continuing presence and our continual dependence upon God.

When we offer the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread" we acknowledge that we cannot feed ourselves. We are dependent on nature, the work of others, and God. When we forget that God is our sustenance and our dependence upon others we will perish.

The words of the Lord's prayer and our confessional statements are given that we will remember the source of life and its blessings.

Blessings,

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