PRAYER OF BELIEF – John Shea

We believe that where people are gathered together in love
   God is present and good things happen and life is full.
We believe that we are immersed in mystery, that our lives are more than they seem
   that we belong to each other
and to a universe of great creative energies whose source and destiny is God……
   We believe that God is after us,
   that God is calling to us from the depth of human life.
We believe that God has risked Self and became man in Jesus…
   In and with Jesus we believe that each of us is situated in the love of God
and the patterns of our life will be the pattern of Jesus - through death to Resurrection.
   We believe that the Spirit of Peace is present with us, the Church,
   as we gather to celebrate our common existence
   the resurrection of Jesus, and the fidelity of God.
And most deeply we believe that in our struggle to love, we incarnate God in the world.
   And so aware of mystery and wonder, caught in friendship and laughter,
we become speechless before the joy in our hearts and celebrate the sacredness of life