

Community “Is” Cards

Christian Community

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

an act of the Holy
Spirit, bringing
sinners together into
undeserved mutual
love.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Inclusive.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Where we all accept
the sacred privilege
and duty of forming
one another as
disciples.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Hard work.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

...not corporate culture.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

honest and
questioning
assumptions.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Bearing and sharing
one another's burdens
and joys.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

loving one another as
we have been loved.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Exhausting, but can be
deeply fulfilling if its
honest and vulnerable.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

vital. We are not
created to be alone.
We need each other
to live, serve, and seek
the Holy - together.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

a place of healing,
welcome and
inclusion--else it is
not true Christian
community.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

pointless if isn't
helping to liberate
through justice all of
God's children

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Necessary for faith
and the life of faith

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

an intention striving
for excellence, not
perfection.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Supportive of each
other in daily life and
times of crisis.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

... anti-racist, cares for
those Christ cared for,
serving.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

... super messy!

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

kind, not nice
open and inclusive
a good idea
anti-empire

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

where we learn to be
better followers of
Jesus by celebrating
and challenging each
other to strive to be
closer to the perfection
we see in Jesus.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

a boat load of work.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

a true "sanctuary
of welcome for all
people" that lives
into the full definition
of each word in that
phrase.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

the body of Christ
at work in the world
today.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Knowledgeable.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

fully inclusive
wholeness,
unconditional love, and
wellness grounded in
Christ.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

...like family, but harder. ...like marriage, where you have to keep choosing each other over and over every day. Some days that's easier to do than others.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Not doing enough.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Essential.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Challenging.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Welcoming!

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

founded on
unconditional love
from the Creator that
calls us to love each
other.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Imperfect.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

experienced most
when on mission
together.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

...to bring about the kingdom of God here, in this time and place.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

the Church. And the Church is the Christian Community. Otherwise, folks, you might just be thinking of a building.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

love...for those we know and those we have yet to meet

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Making and holding space in faith.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Hope.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

how Jesus wants us to operate
- sharing, worshipping and
working together discovering,
developing, serving, and
experiencing wonder and
grace in ways that would not
happen if we were going it
alone.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

God's love shared.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Heaven.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

something that goes way beyond the walls of the church. Communal faith calls us to participate in works of the Sermon on the Mount.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

a community that engages and embraces the world in which it finds itself. Those two last words have at least two essential and complementary meanings.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

is being afraid of what your congregation might think if you address BLM or racial issues, from the pulpit.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

Loving one another

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

...never fully formed.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

...a beloved community

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

a group of imperfect
folk trying to follow the
will of God together.

**CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY IS...**

friends who are really
family capable of walk
with each other in the
good times and hard
times.