

SUNDAY GATHERING // 1.24.21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Discipleship Class over Zoom // 2.8, 2.15, 2.22 @ 7-9p. RSVP @ seasidechurch.com/events
- Need 18 more Volunteers for SeasideKids to start on 2.14 during the gathering. Email sarah@seasidechurch.com if interested.
- Women's Worship Night // 1.29.21 @ 6:30-8:30p. RSVP @ seasidechurch.com/events

COLLECT: O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

READINGS FROM OT:

Psalms 62:5-12 // Jonah 3:1-5, 10

READINGS FROM NT:

Romans 10:8-17 // Mark 1:14-20

THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Creed: I Believe...

GROUP DISCUSSION:

To warm up your minds begin with discussing this question. What does it mean "to believe?"

1. **Faith begins with God.** Read [Deut. 7:9](#) and [Heb. 10:23](#). Why does faith begin with God's own faithfulness?
2. **Faith has to do with a person and his promise.** What's the difference between this and believing in precepts or principles?
3. **Faith has to do with facts.** Is faith just a "blind leap in the dark?" How did the NT writers present their case for faith in Christ? (See [1 John 1:1-2](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:3-6](#))
4. **Faith is public.** What is it like for you to publicly confess the creed?
5. **Faith includes obedience.** What does it mean to say, "we are saved by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone?" How does [James 2:14-17](#) explain what a "dead faith" is? Do you need to repent of having a "dead faith?"
6. **Faith is an experience with God not just an adherence to doctrine.** How does [Hebrews 11:1](#) help us understand the experience of faith? Discuss this definition, "faith is believing allegiance." Share what your experience of faith has been like.
7. **Faith involves mystery and wonder.** Do you have to understand to believe? Which statements in the Apostles creed are mysterious to you? What does it mean to wonder at the mysteries of God?

Resources on the Apostles Creed:

What Christians Ought to Believe, Mike Bird

The Apostles Creed, Ben Meyers

I Believe, Alistair McGrath