

## WE BELIEVE

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are central to our faith and understanding of who God is. *The radical way of Jesus defines our faith & practice*.

Though we love the Bible and seek to read it well & often, we are Christians not Biblicists.

We are seeking to embody the way of Christ, not defend & protect the Bible.

We believe in the God given worth and dignity of all people regardless of race, gender, socio-economic class, or sexual orientation. *Everyone is an image-bearer.* 

We believe the Church should be a safe space for everyone. ALL people should be included at every level of the Church. We would rather be excluded for who we include than included for who we exclude.

We affirm both both the Apostles Creed & Nicene Creed as orthodox Christian beliefs.

As members of the historical Christian Church, we seek to use Christian tradition as consistent guide & guardrail.



## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Onlybegotten, that is of the essence of the Father. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate, was made human, was born perfectly of the holy virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance.

He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, and sat at the right hand of the Father.

He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, in the uncreated and the perfect; Who spoke through the Law, prophets, and Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles, and lived in the saints.

We believe also in only One, Universal, Apostolic, and Holy Church; in one baptism in repentance, for the remission, and forgiveness of sins; and in the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgement of souls and bodies, and the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.



## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.