

## 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 power of 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.**

## Icebreaker

Have you ever slept in a tent? Was it big or little? Have you ever pitched a tent?

## Conversation Starters

1. What does it mean to you that Orchard Hill is a “Big Tent Church”?
2. What challenges come with being a “Big Tent Church”?
3. What core belief from the Apostles Creed do you understand the least and the most? How does this belief impact our ability to be unified as the Body of Christ?
4. Are you aware of a time in history that was more divisive than the one we are currently living in? Describe it the best you can. What can we learn from the past division and disunity?
5. What happens when we focus on this truth? “It is Jesus that makes the church Holy.” And it is Jesus who calls us to follow him?
6. Has pointing to Jesus as the one only one worth following ever felt more like losing than winning?
7. How do you lean on the communion of saints when you need encouragement to to follow? How do others lean on you?
8. If the Apostles Creed is not a focusing and grounding set of beliefs for you? What focuses and grounds you?

