

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 entered into a competition where you were judged? 4H, Speech, Cheerleading?

Conversation Starters

1. Dave finds great personal motivation in the Apostles Creed and Orchard's mission statement: Helping next generations encounter and follow Jesus to bless a broken world. What personally motivates your faith? Or if you are not a follower of Jesus what motivates the direction in life you want to take?
2. Following Jesus means not taking political or social positions but loving our enemies and our neighbors, feeding the poor, helping those who are marginalized, seeking mercy, loving justly and walking humbly with God. What is this so confusing and divisive within Christianity?
3. Dave stressed that what Orchard Hill **believes** is the Apostles Creed and what Orchard Hill will **do** is summarized in our mission statement. How do you respond to this?
4. How would your neighborhood, family, community, workplace, city benefit from a clearer focus on your part around what you believe and what you are called to do? How do you see evidence of what you believe in what you do?
5. How often do you think about God as a judge? Would it be personally motivating to you if God judged us, Orchard Hill church, on the collective impact of our believing and doing? If the measurement of our believing and doing was counted in units of love?

