

The New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

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The New Creed Part II

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As we study the second half of the Creed, we will be asking ourselves the following questions and sharing our answers with the folks around us in small groups of 3 or 4 during worship.

What does being called to be the church and specifically, a part of the church mean to you?

How do you/we celebrate God's presence?

What do you think living with respect in creation means? How do you do it?

How does the church love and serve others? How do you do so personally?

What does seeking justice look like to you? How should the church do this?

What is your definition of evil? How do you personally resist evil? How do you think the church resists evil? Is there more the church could do to resist evil?

How does the church proclaim Jesus? How do you proclaim Jesus? What does "in life beyond death" mean to you in the last paragraph? What does it mean to you personally to believe "God is with us" and "we are not alone"?