

ARTICLE I: GOD THE FATHER (Affirmation 1)

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?
God The Creator (1), Testimony In God's Loving Presence
Creed Are *Epitomes* = Minimal Requirements, Anything Less Distorts
A.C. = Anti-Gnostic (Deny Jesus' True Humanity), N.C. = Anti-Arian (Deny Jesus' Deity)

A. The Person of the Father (Who God Is).

I believe in God
1) the Father
2) Almighty,
Theism, Faith *That* + Faith *In*, THREE TITLES: God is Triune: Father, Almighty, Creator
Eternal Spirit, Not Male; Ever Father of the Son, Jesus' Address: Father/*Abba* (Aramaic)
God Was Father/ Almighty Before Creation, Fount Of Deity: Almighty/ *Omni-potens*
From Wise Love (Father) And Power (Almighty) Came All That Is

B. The Work of the Father (What God Has Done).

3) Creator of heaven and earth.
All Trinitarian Works Are Finally Complementary, Gen. 1, Jn. 1:1-5
Free Choice, Source/Designer of All In Two Real Realms: Visible/Invisible
Not Just At Start, Constant Divine Will = Creation Is Upheld (Providence)

ARTICLE II: GOD THE SON (Affirmations 2-7)

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST?

A. The Person of Jesus Christ (Who He Is).

I believe in Jesus
1) Christ,
2) his only Son
3) our Lord,
Logic: 1) Christology Thru Titles, 2) Through Narrative
Historical Nazarene Jewish Male (4 Gospel Portraits), THREE TITLES: JESUS: Christ, Son, Lord
Relation To God's First People: Israel's History and Hope: *Messiah/Christ*
Relationship To The Father: Agency/Subordinate For Salvation: Unique Relationship: *Only Son*
Relationship To Church: God's Active Rulership over Christians: *Lord*

B. The Work of Jesus Christ in 12 Verbs (What He Has Done And Will Do).

1) Christmas: 1st Appearing/ Helpless Child (1-2)

who *was* conceived¹ by the Holy Spirit,
born² of the Virgin Mary (gave him life: Yes).

2) Good Friday: Cross, Death, Burial (3-6).

suffered³ under Pontius Pilate (gave him death: No):
was crucified⁴, (p.v.)
died⁵,
and *was* buried⁶; (p.v.)

3) Descent To The Realm Of The Dead: Underworld/ Sheol/ Hell (Lt. *descendit ad inferos*).

he descended⁷ to the dead.

1') End of Age: 2nd Appearing/ Cosmic Judge (11-12)

to judge¹² the living and the dead.
and will come again¹¹

2') Easter: Resurrection, Ascension, Session (8-10)

is seated¹⁰ at the right hand of the Father Almighty, (YES!)
he ascended⁹ into heaven,
On the third day he rose again⁸ from the dead, REVERSALS

Miracle 1: Conception, Miracle 2: Resurrection

Completes The Descent: Full Incarnation

Journey: Heaven/Earth/Underworld/Earth/Heaven/Earth

ARTICLE III: GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (Affirmations 8-12)

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?
(8) Holy Spirit, (9) Holy Church/People, (10) Forgiveness, (11) Resurrection, (12) Eternal Life
Works Of The Trinity Are Common Works: Will/Obedience/Empowerment
From Father, In The Son, By The Spirit

A. Three Holy Persons/ Things.

1) I believe in the Holy (Latin: *sanctus*) Spirit,
2) the holy (*sanctus*), catholic (i.e. universal) church,
3) the communion of saints (*sanctorum communionem* = communion of "holy ones"),
THREE USES OF "HOLY"/ SET APART FOR GOD: Holy Spirit, Holy Church, Holy People
Holy Spirit Creates/ Administers The Church
Spirit (1)
Created At Pentecost! 2 Marks: Single (One) , Holy, Universal Church (2)
The Saints in Communion (3)

B. Three Future/Last Things And Concluding Assent.

1) the forgiveness of sins,
2) the resurrection of the body,
3) and the life everlasting. Amen
The Spirit Creates Holy, Happy Community!
Spirit As The Agency Of Our Future
THREE FUTURE HOPES
How God Heals Our Rebellious History: Costly Forgiveness
How God Heals Our Mortal (Death-infected) Bodies: Bodily Resurrection
2 Ages, How God Heals Our Futures: New World/ *Thy Kingdom Come*

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Sunday August 30, 2020, 10:00am

"The mission of First United Methodist Church
is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation."

ENTRANCE

Songs for the Gathering of the People Mary Lynn Hart, Jackson Rushing
Prelude Mary Lynn Hart: Piano
Chiming the Hour Rene Baker, Payton Taylor
Welcome, Invitation to Silence Pastor Phil Thrailkill: Interim Minister
+Greeting Trinitarian Greeting, Selected Texts on the Holy Spirit

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.
Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Jesus promised, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Apostle Paul declared, "The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

He also commanded the church, "Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying,
but test everything; hold fast to what is good,
abstain from every form of evil." (I Thess. 5:19-22)

Recorded Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" A Hymn of Charles Wesley, 1747

+Mutual Blessing and Common Prayer of Confession and Pardon *Hymnal*: 890
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have revealed yourself in creation, in human conscience, and above all in Jesus Christ.
Your grace is upon every life,
and all are called to turn around and turn to you for all that is good.
But we, your own people, have too often preferred our ways to yours.
We have sung songs about the Savior but not followed him in costly service.
We have made excuses for our sins instead of naming and forsaking them.
We have ignored the warnings of the Holy Spirit when he pierced our thinking,
and we have valued the wisdom of the world more than the truth of your holy book.
Is this not why we are few and weak and confused and scattered?
Is this not why we have lost our hunger for your presence and sweet fellowship?
Do not turn out the lights of this church but give us a new birth and an open future.
Cover us with the cloak of your mercy, forgive and restore us.
Remember the sacrifice of your Son, his agony and his blood, for all us sinners. Amen.
(Silence is kept for personal confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

+Act of Praise: "Glory Be to the Father" spoken in unison *Hymnal: 70*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, in now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Concerns and Announcements, Catechism Questions 3 & 4, The Apostles' Creed Analyzed

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

United Methodist Teaching on the Work of the Holy Spirit *The Book of Discipline 2016: 76*

"Of Sanctification" (Being made whole and holy and happy in and for God)

"Sanctification is that renewal of our fallen nature by the Holy Ghost, received through faith in Jesus Christ, whose blood of atonement cleanseth from all sin; whereby we are not only delivered from the guilt of sin, but are washed from its pollution, saved from its power, and are enabled, through grace, to love God with all our hearts and to walk in his holy commandments blameless."

Sermon Lesson, "Jesus Promises His Spirit To His Church" John 16:4b-15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Classic Christianity: The Creed and Holy Spirit" Pastor Phil Thrailkill, Interim Minister

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

A Congregational Prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, and shower the mercy and love of Jesus upon us all."

A Song: "Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here" Lyrics on insert

+Confessing The Trinitarian Faith of the Church

Sisters and brothers, let us love one another, that with one heart and one voice we may confess our ancient, holy, and apostolic faith, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

SENDING FORTH

+Dismissal with Blessing, Pastor Phil Thrailkill

Postlude Mary Lynn Hart

Please leave your Offering in the basket near the door as you exit. Theodore Burns: Usher

JOHN 16:4b-15 "JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Trinitarian Logic, Part Of Farewell Discourse, Prepare To Depart, 2000 Years Now

2') 16:4b-15 THE COMING AND MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT// 14:1-31.

Overall A 4:2 Step Pattern, Highly Trinitarian Passage: Divine Revelation Unfolded

a) vv.4b-6 What Jesus Says And Does Not Say Until The Right Time. 4:2 Chiasm, Revelation Unfolds

//14:1-31: Departure, Spirit, Challenges

4b 1 I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. Not Fitting Then, Jesus Localized

Not Understand Prior To Death & Resurrection

5 2 But now I am going to him who sent me; Back To The Father, Farewell Discourse

2' yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" Departure //13:36a, 14:5

Focus On Themselves, Not Him

6 1' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Change Of Relationship: Weaned Away

They Do Not Comprehend Meaning Of His Departure

b) vv.7-11 The Coming Of The Holy Spirit And His Three-fold Ministry To The World.

Spirit After Glorification, Only With Holy Spirit Do We Understand Jesus In Depth Over Time

7a 1a Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: Solemn Assavation //14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27

it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, Hard For Them To Believe!

Spirit Will Be With Them Always, Everywhere

b the COUNSELOR (Advocate) will not come to you; Paraclete = One Who Comes Alongside, 7:39, 11:4

Counselor Here Does Not Mean Modern Therapist, A Legal Term

c a' but if I go, He Goes In Cross, Resurrection, Ascension, Session = Glorification Of Jesus

Not Until The Deposit Of Revelation Is Completed Does The Spirit Come

d b' I will send him to you.// 20:22, Risen Jesus Sends The Holy Spirit, Born Again 3:5

Three-fold Job Description, Spirit As Prosecutor In A Cosmic Trial: 3 Indictments/Counts

Benefit 1: Prosecutes The World

8 2a And when he comes he will convince (expose) the world 3:20, 12:45-47, Light, Hostile Cosmos In Hiding

concerning sin, 2 Three-Line Stanzas 14:24, 2 Tim. 4:2, Spirit Creates Personal Crises!

b and righteousness, Sin = Problem, Righteousness = Cure, Judgment = Spiritual Warfare

c' and judgment: Continues The Revealing/Judging Work Of Jesus

9 a' concerning sin, Legal Ethos, Trial Language, Grounds Of Conviction, Revelation Exposes

because they do not believe in me; Unbelief In Jesus = The Very Essence Of Sin, 12:48a, 8:44-47

10 b' concerning righteousness, Jesus Vindicated (Shown Righteous) By Resurrection/Glorification

because I go to the FATHER, and you will see me no more; 1 Jn. 2:20, 3:7, 1 Tim. 3:16

11 c' concerning judgment, 12:31, 1 Jn. 2:13-14, 5:18

because "the ruler of this world" (i.e. Satan) is (already) judged. 14:30, 8:44, Exorcism

Sin Is Rejection Of Jesus, Justice Is God's Verdict On Jesus, The Evil One Is Routed

a') v.12 What Jesus Says And Does Not Say Until The Right Time.

12 I have yet many things to say to you, //v.4b, Jesus Promises To Continue Speaking

but you cannot bear them now. Weak And Frail: More In The Future, Living Voice In The Church

Father & Spirit Sent The Son, Now Father & Son Send The Spirit = Trinitarian Revelation In Time

b') vv.13-15 The Coming And Of The Holy Spirit And His Teaching Ministry.

Relation Of The Holy Spirit To Believing Community, 14:26

13a 1a When THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH comes, he will guide you into all (the) truth Lead Way, 3:3, Church Preserved

The Deposit Of Revelation Is Already Present

b -b for he will not speak on his own authority; Spirit Is The Son's Agent, Another Jesus

Spirit Is Son's Marketing Director!

+b' but whatever he hears he will speak, Pneumatology Subordinate To Christology

3:32-35, 7:16-18, Just As Jesus Did, 5:19-30

a' and will declare to you the things that are to come.// (3x) Announce, Spirit Interprets Past, Predicts Future

Spirit Not Offer New Revelation Independent Of Christ

14 2a He will glorify ME, Spirit Is The Communications Link With The Risen Jesus

God The Spirit Shines Light On God The Son: Jesus

//Odes Of Solomon 3:10

b for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 14:26, Holy Spirit Is Son's Agent

Spirit Does Not Offer New Revelation Independent Of Christ

15 a' All that the FATHER has is mine; Astounding Claim, Given All By Father: 1:18, 5:22, 26, 13:3, 17:2, 7

Benefit No. 2 = Keeps Church In The Truth

b' therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. Spirit Translates Divine Riches, 15:15

Spirit Gives Gifts For Service (1 Cor. 12-14), Grows Jesus' Character In Us (Gal. 5)