



St. John's Ivyland
A United Methodist Congregation

Confirmation Handout for Workshop Five

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, from 11:30am to 2:00pm in Youth Lounge and Fellowship Hall

Theme: Expression of Faith Paper, Creeds & Prayers, Ministry & Miracles

- A. Brown Bag Lunch or snacks provided if you don't have a lunch – All
- B. Casual Conversation, Youth Room Games, Attendance, Prayer – Rick and Denise
- C. Games with thematic lesson (*Blindman's Guess, Ministry Circle*) - Sarah
- D. Light Candle/Prayer Routine/Place Rocks – Denise
- E. Theology Talk – **Creeds & Prayers** (see copies on last page) – Sarah
 - a. Creeds, or Affirmations of Faith as we call them more generally, help us declare the Christian faith. They affirm our unity in Christ with those followers who first wrote them, the many generations who have recited them before us, and those who will recite them after we have gone. We will focus on **The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.**
 - b. The Nicene Creed was a result of the Council of Nicaea (held in what is now Turkey) in A.D. 325. The Creed was revised in A.D. 381 by the Council of Constantinople. The creed emphasizes the doctrine of the Trinity in response to the teachings of Arius, a clergyman who denied the divinity of the Son, the second member of the Trinity. This orthodox statement of faith is used by many denominations, including the United Methodist Church.

*Paste the handouts in your journal to practice them and refer to them when writing your **Expression of Faith Paper** which really is a version of a creed in your own words.

- F. **Expression of Faith Paper:** Begin in class the first draft of 1-page paper - Rick, Denise, Ken, Sarah
 - a. due by email to sarah.sjunc@gmail.com by March 13. Confirmands must also sign up to **schedule a 20 min. meeting with Pastor Brad** on 3/20 or 3/27 (Email questions to Mrs. Floyd).
 - b. SUG: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAAB2EA1F8C52-individual>

G. The following core beliefs should be addressed in your paper. If you choose to be confirmed, then your creed or paper must express these core beliefs in your own words. If you are not able to agree with these beliefs, then you have the choice to wait and reflect for an additional year.

- a. I believe in the triune God, the Trinity.
- b. I reject evil, admit that I also sin, and accept the gift of forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection.
- c. I want to grow in my faith and continue to question and seek truth with the help of my Christian community I belong to.

d. I want to love God and my neighbor as exemplified in the Old and New Testament of the Bible.

* Other things you could include in paper...what is God giving you a passion for? Will you have purpose? How will you show love?

H. Theology Talk – **Jesus’ Ministry & Miracles**, read 2 or 3, – Ken

- a. Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1-11 - "the first of the signs"
- b. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46-54.
- c. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1-15.
- d. Feeding the 5000 in John 6:5-14.
- e. Jesus walking on water in John 6:16-24.
- f. Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1-7.
- g. Raising Lazarus from the dead in John 11:1-45

John 14:12 “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the father.”

I. Record prayer requests down in our little prayer book – Rick or Ken

J. Pray over student requests and for church, class, families, friends, world – Sarah

K. Closing Game in Fellowship Hall – SPUD or CAN HOOPS or COW, ELEPHANT, BIRD

Home Reflection:

Review the material in this handout or by clicking the links from this handout on our Confirmation webpage at <https://www.stjohnsivyland.com/confirmation>. Record questions or thoughts in your private journal. 1 journal page done at home each session, minimum, (words, drawings or cut out and tape stuff in). Consider emailing one of the mentors listed below to discuss your thoughts. Consider sharing what you are learning with another. Consider looking up our scriptures or praying.

COMPLETE YOUR 1 PAGE EXPRESSION OF FAITH PAPER AND EMAIL IT TO MRS. FLOYD

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Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

**catholic with a little c means the whole *universal* church throughout time in all the trinitarian denominations.
Trinitarian is a denomination that believes in the doctrine of the Trinity.

The Lord's Prayer (also known as The Our Father)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, *
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Some say debts or sins instead of trespasses, but it all means the same thing. It is good to be flexible and use the version where you worship. At large ecumenical gatherings Christians often say it all together in many different languages and versions all at once and it is beautiful.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

What you agree to at Confirmation:

When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church:

1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
3. To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church* and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
6. To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

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**A note from Sarah Floyd: Just to be clear, no matter what denomination you may belong to one day, you are promising to be a faithful member of the family of God at whatever Christian community you may belong to as you go through life.*