

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

October 2, 2022

The Apostles' Creed:

**What It Means, and Why It Matters
"You Raise Me Up"**

Scripture: St. Mark 16:14-15, 19-20 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Later [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

~ SERMON NOTES ~

On this World Communion Sunday, we consider this key article of *The Apostles' Creed*:

"I believe...the third day He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father."

This segment of the Creed focuses our attention on **three key themes**, with each containing a powerful promise for us today:

1. The Resurrection – The Promise of _____.

Christ was "raised up" that we might "rise up" into the new life here and now that God offers each of us!

2. The Ascension – The Promise of _____.

The ancient church celebrated with great festival and fanfare the Ascension of Christ, which is why it has a prominent place in the Creed.

3)The Exaltation – The Promise of _____.

The Consummation of human history with the coming of God's Kingdom on earth offers us courage to face today and hope for tomorrow.

