

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

September 11, 2022

## *The Apostles' Creed:* What it Means, and Why it Matters “The Need for a Creed”

**Scripture:** Isaiah 45:18-22 (Common English Bible)

<sup>18</sup> For this is what the LORD said, who created the heavens,  
who is God,  
who formed the earth and made it,  
who established it,  
who didn't create it a wasteland but formed it as a habitation:  
I, the LORD, and none other!

<sup>19</sup> I didn't speak in secret  
or in some land of darkness;  
I didn't say to the offspring of Jacob,  
“Seek me in chaos.”

I am the LORD, the one who speaks truth,  
who announces what is correct.

<sup>20</sup> Gather and come,  
draw near together,  
fugitives of the nations!

Those who carry their wooden idols don't know;  
those who pray to a god who won't save.

<sup>21</sup> Announce! Approach! Confer together!  
Who proclaimed this from the beginning, announced it from long  
ago?

Wasn't it I, the LORD?  
There's no other God except me,  
a righteous God and a savior;  
there's none besides me!

<sup>22</sup> Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth,  
for I am God, and there's no other.

## ~ SERMON NOTES ~

Reasons why we need a creed:

- A. Creeds keep us anchored to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Creeds sum up the central \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Creeds compel us to see our \_\_\_\_\_.

In Article 1 of the Apostles' Creed, which is our focus for today, we affirm some important themes about God:

*“I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”*

**This means that we must have a firm grasp on what the *Fatherhood of God* means for our faith today:**

- 1. **ALL theological language is** \_\_\_\_\_.

All language about God, scriptural and theological is at best an approximation and can never fully capture the nature of God.

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- 2. **Scripture describes God in both \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ imagery.**

The prevalence of fatherly language for God throughout biblical literature isn't exclusive.

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- 3. **The word “father” is part of Jesus's** \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus speaks of God is the concept of God as *Abba*. It does not function as a dispensable category, but rather as intrinsic to the identity of God as the sender of Jesus.

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