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THE APOSTLES' CREED



June-August 2026

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Whether you are new to Crossroads or have been coming for years, you are welcome here! From dinner rounds, sports and recreation to courtyard concerts, and senior adult lunches, there is something here for everyone. However you found your way here, our hope is that you find a home in us.



**YOUR FAMILY IS OUR FAMILY
LET'S GROW TOGETHER**



A PLACE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Raising children to know and love Jesus is a challenging task. It takes a village! We want every young person to grow up knowing they are deeply loved by their Creator with a divine purpose in His good Kingdom. We offer age-appropriate classes on Sunday mornings as well as events throughout the year. If you have a newborn and are in need of a quiet place to nurse or calm your little one down, we have a parent room (where you can still watch the service).

If we can walk with your family in anyway, please reach out to our Family Pastor, Jake Kline at jake@limacrossroads.org.

The Christian faith is rich. In Christ, we have all things (1 Corinthians 3:21-23 NIV). I once read that it is like inheriting a vast estate that cannot be taken in at one glance. As we study and explore the various places in the estate, the richer and more beautiful it becomes to us. Our observation does not change the inheritance, but it does impact our experience of it. In much the same way, our exploration of the Christian faith deepens our experience of God's grace. In this series, we are hoping to explore our faith through the Apostles' Creed. In it is a succinct understanding of the tenants of faith - they guide us to faithfulness and surrender to Christ.

Ancient Catechism

On the eve of Easter Sunday, a group of believers has stayed up all night in a vigil of prayer, scriptural reading, and instruction. The most important moment of their lives is fast approaching. For years they have been preparing for this day. When the rooster crows at dawn, they are led out to a pool of flowing water.

They remove their clothes. The women let down their hair and remove their jewelry. They renounce Satan and are anointed from head to foot with oil. They are led into the water. Then they are asked a question: "Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?" They reply, "I believe!" And they are plunged down in the water and raised up again.

They are asked a second question: "Do you believe in Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who was born of the Holy Spirit and Mary the virgin and was crucified under Pontius Pilate and was dead and buried and rose on the third day alive from the dead and ascended in the heavens and sits at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the living and the dead?" Again they confess, "I believe!" And again they are immersed in the water.

Then a third question: "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit and the holy church and the resurrection of the flesh?" A third time they cry, "I believe!" And a third time they are immersed. When they emerge from the water they are again anointed with oil. They are clothed, blessed, and led into the assembly of believers, where they will share for the first time in the eucharistic meal.

Finally they are sent out into the world to do good works and to grow in faith. That is how baptism is described in an early third-century document known as the Apostolic Tradition. It points to the ancient roots of the Apostles' Creed. The creed comes from baptism. It is a pledge of allegiance to the God of the gospel—a God who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; a God who is present to us in the real world of human flesh, creating, redeeming, and sanctifying us for good works.

Formed and Reformed

By the second century, the basic form of the creed can be found in widely dispersed Christian communities. The creed had two main functions - education and sacrament. The confession of faith was to be recited as a basic guide to the interpretation of Scripture and understand the substance of the Biblical story. It also served to invite people into the fellowship of believers. The words help to form our thinking around God and the world in which we live.

As we study this ancient creed, allow yourself to marvel at the vast inheritance that is ours in Christ. Be amazed and humbled at the love of God in Christ.

-Pastor Brian

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: SABBATH

We are hurried people. The spiritual journey begins with rest. We see this in the creation account. We see it in the Commandments (honor the Sabbath). We see it in the life/teaching of Jesus (Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest...).

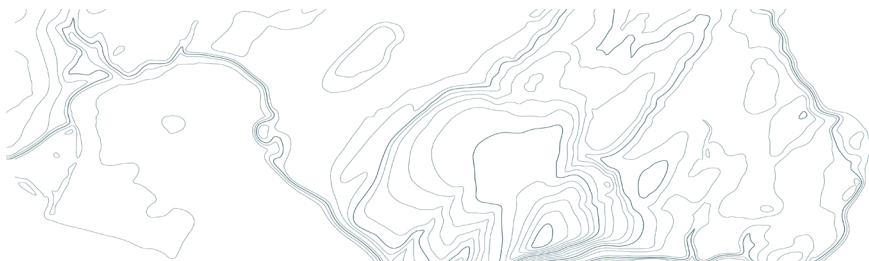
We are chronically tired and hurried and that robs us of true peace and joy.

Rest is essential to apprenticeship under Jesus.

Sabbath is an entire day to push pause on our 'productivity' and learn to rest and celebrate the goodness of God in our life. It is a day to **cultivate joy** and delight in the God who made you to be with himself. It is a day to re-center our life around the presence of God and practice hearing His voice.

Over the summer, let's practice Sabbath together. Purpose in your week's calendar a day to not check emails, not over schedule things, to slow down the pace of life and breathe.

In this Sabbath rest, take intentional time to honor and worship God as the sustainer of all things. Take the time to be with those you love. Sabbath is a way to recall the blessings of your life and give God thanks and praise.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Traditionally catholic, which means 'universal'. In our day of Catholic and Protestant division, we choose to use the word 'Christian' to highlight the unity of the church under Christ.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:19-25 NIV

Community Prayer:

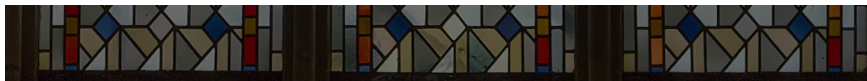
St. Charles Catholic Church - Fr. Kent Kaufman

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If you could summarize what you are learning in one word/phrase what would it be?



WEEK 3: JESUS CHRIST: SON AND LORD

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

JULY 5, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20 NIV

Community Prayer:

Zion Lutheran - Dan Gutman

Echo Ranch - Randy and Allyson Alderfer

The Apostles' Creed:

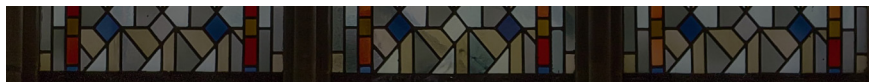
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In what way were you challenged to grow in faith today?



WEEK 4: THE RESURRECTION

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 NIV

Community Prayer:

- Great Lakes Church - Katherine Smith
Heart to Honduras - Randy Bargerstock

The Apostles' Creed:

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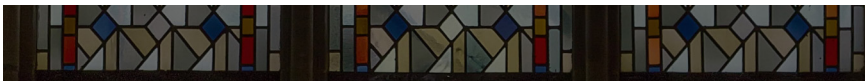
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What song connected with you this morning?

JULY 12, 2026



MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



Hellen Douglas,
Executive Director

Family Promise is dedicated to ending family homelessness by providing emergency shelter, meals, case management, and support services to families experiencing homelessness with the goal to empower families to rebuild their lives, regain their independence, and achieve lasting success.

Family Promise helps homeless families achieve and sustain independence by providing help, financial education, hope, and a safe haven as they seek suitable employment and housing.

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MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT CONTINUED:



\$400/team and Entry Fees Includes: Green fees, cart, coffee and donuts, tee favor, and lunch.

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

**Hosted by: Hidden Creek Golf Club
6245 Sugar Creek Road, Lima, OH 45801**

8am:

- Registration
- 50/50 Raffle Opens
- Coffee and Donuts

9am:

- Shotgun Start
- Proximities on each hole
- Drink Tickets
- On-course cash games

1pm:

- Catered Lunch
- 50/50 Raffle closes
- Awards

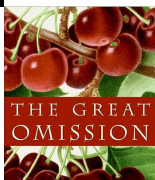
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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

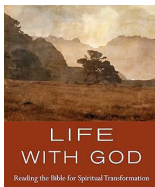
Occasionally, we are asked about recommendations we may have for those hoping to deepen their understanding of Christian Spiritual Formation.

While there are many great books, we begin here:



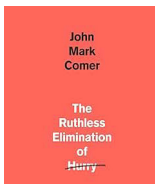
The Great Omission
By: Dallas Willard

This book collects articles, talks, and interviews where Willard explains the practical application of his ideas. He answers such questions as, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How do we know what God wants for us? And much more.



Life with God
By: Richard Foster

Life with God, by Richard J. Foster, claims that God has superintended the writing of Scripture so that it serves as the most reliable guide for Christian spiritual formation. By opening our whole selves to the page before us, we begin to grasp all the Bible has to teach about prayer, obedience, compassion, virtue, and grace and apply it to our everyday lives to achieve a deeper relationship with God.



Ruthless Elimination of Hurry
By: John Mark Comer

Too often we treat the symptoms of toxicity in our modern world instead of trying to pinpoint the cause. A growing number of voices are pointing at hurry, or busyness, as a root of much evil.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

how to hear God
a simple guide
for normal
people

pete greig
Author of How to Pray

How to hear God
By: Pete Greig

Exploring the story of Christ's playful, poignant conversation on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Pete draws deeply from the insights of a wide range of Christian traditions helping us understand God's "still, small voice".



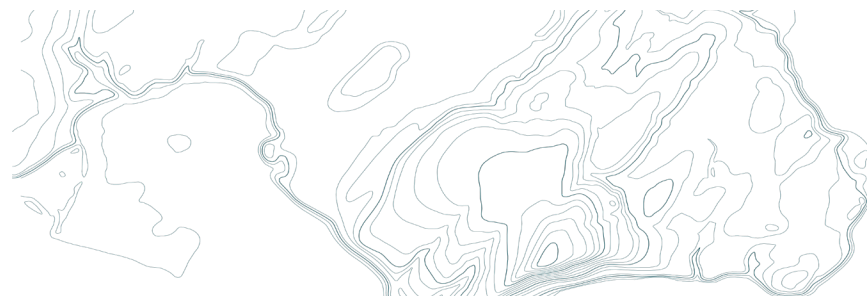
Living in and Through the Lord's Prayer
By: Pastor Brian Robertson

With thoughtful reflection on the Lord's Prayer, we are invited to know the nature of a life saturated with God. The prayer offers insight into how to trust and rely on the presence of God in our daily lives.

SONG RECOMMENDATIONS:

In line with our series on The Apostles' Creed, consider adding these songs to your devotional playlist:

- Creed by Rich Mullins
- The God We Love by City Alight
- This I Believe (The Creed) by Hillsong



WORSHIP RESOURCES

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

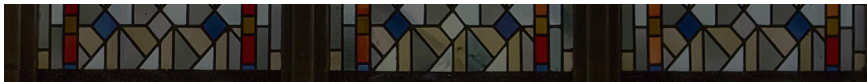
John 14:15-21 NIV

Community Prayer:

New Life Christian Ministeries - Damian & Brooke Tibbs
Soldiers of Honor - Aaron & Veronica McLaurine

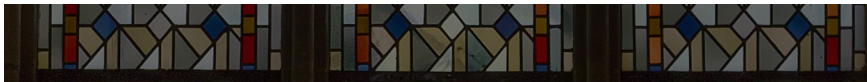
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What stood out to you from today's service?



WEEK 8: WORDS OF THE PEOPLE

A TIME TO HEAR HOW THE LORD IS MOVING AND GROWING US TO CHRISTLIKENESS

AUGUST 9, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

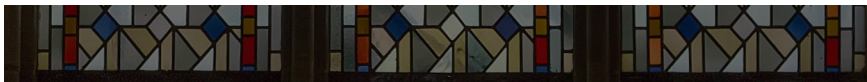
Psalm 145:1-7 NIV

Community Prayer:

Elm Street Church of the Nazarene - Jonathan Burkey
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - Zach Reneau

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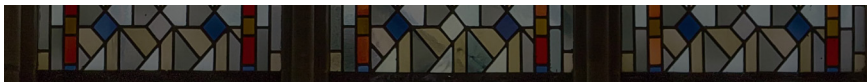


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How can you apply today's message to your life this week?



WORSHIP RESOURCES

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

Community Prayer:

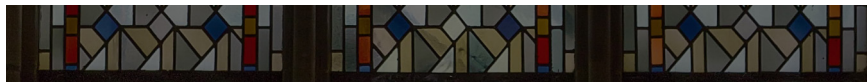
Lima Community - Chip Bullock
Big Brothers Big Sisters - John Neville

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What is something you connected with in the service?



WEEK 10: FORGIVENESS OF SINS

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

AUGUST 23, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

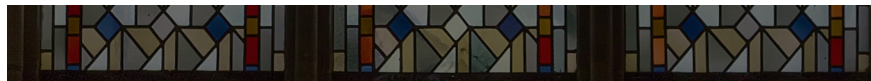
Ephesians 1:3-10 NIV

Community Prayer:

Trinity United Methodist Church - Jim Nathan
Our Daily Bread - Randy Kimpel

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In what way were you challenged to grow in faith today?

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

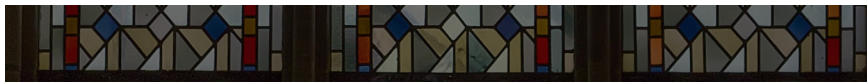
1 John 5:11-13 NIV

Community Prayer:

Philippian Missionary Baptist Church - Lamont Monford
Lima Rescue Mission - Chuck Ferguson

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What is something you connected with in the service?

Empty box for reflection on service connection.



“Inviting
people to
apprenticeship
to Jesus”

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