

**Series:** Worship Together

**Sermon:** We Worship Together as Part of a Bigger Story

**Scripture:** Various Texts

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1. Christ has made us members of a body that spans the ages. (Hebrews 12:22-24)

**Hebrews 12:22-24 (ESV)**

*<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,*

*<sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,*

*<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

“The only palliative is to keep the clean sea breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds...”  
(C.S. Lewis, Preface for Athanasius’ On the Incarnation)

**Matthew 16:18 (ESV)**

*<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**Hebrews 2:12 (ESV)**

*<sup>12</sup> saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”*

2. Christ has made us heirs of a faith that spans the ages. (Hebrews 11-12; Jude 3)

**Jude 3 (ESV)**

*<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.*

**1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)**

*<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures*

**2 Timothy 1:14 (ESV)**

*<sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

“[T]he whole history of our faith is summed up in [the Apostles’ Creed] succinctly and in definite order, and...it contains nothing that is not vouched for by genuine testimonies of Scripture.”  
(John Calvin, Institutes, 2.16.18)