

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)

²² 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,

²³ 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,

²⁴ 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)

¹⁸ 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)

*¹² 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)

³ 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)

³ 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)

¹⁴ 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)