

September 16 & 17, 2017

"I Believe"

Hebrews 10:25, Luke 4:16, John 21

Message by Steve Fowler
Worship led by Laura Scharer

Music:

The Lion and the Lamb	Come to the Altar	All the Poor and Powerless
Amazing Grace	This I Believe	

No guilt
No illusions
No holding back

Christianity can only be lived out in community.

The church is God's neighborhood bar, a hangout like the television show Cheers for people who know all about your lousy boss, your mother with heart trouble back in North Carolina, and the teenager who won't do what you tell him; a place where you can unwind, spill your life story, and get a sympathetic look, not a self-righteous leer.

— P. Yancey, *"Church: Why Bother?"*

You can't experience God to the degree that He intends without being built into a body of believers.

Gathering as the church re-calibrates the soul.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. — Heb. 10:25

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went as usual to the synagogue. — Luke 4:16

"The loss of these tastes is the loss of happiness and may possibly be injurious to the intellect and more possibly damaging to the moral character by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature." — Charles Darwin

Gathering as the church puts me in contact with people I wouldn't normally associate with.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

