

+ Sacraments +

Baptism by water and the Spirit, as recorded in the Scriptures, shall be a sign of the dedication of each life to God and God's service. Through the words and acts of this sacrament, the recipient is identified as God's own Child.

Holy Communion is the partaking of blessed bread and fruit of the vine in accordance with the words of Jesus, our Sovereign: This is my body...this is my blood. (Matthew 26:26-28). All who believe, confess and repent and seek God's love through Christ, after examining their consciences, may freely participate in the communal meal, signifying their desire to be received into community with Jesus Christ, to be saved by Jesus Christ's sacrifice, to participate in Jesus Christ's resurrection, and to commit their lives anew to the service of Jesus Christ.

+ The Rites of the Church +

The Rite of Ordination

The setting apart of duly qualified persons for the professional ministry of the Church.

The Rite of Attaining Membership in the Church

After completion of instruction, baptized Christians may become members in good standing of the Church.

The Rite of Holy Union & The Rite of Holy Matrimony

The spiritual joining of two people.

The Rite of Funeral or Memorial Service

The Rite of Laying on of Hands or Prayer

For the healing of the sick in mind, body or spirit.

The Rite of Blessing

For persons, things and relationships which includes the dedication of buildings to the glory of God.

For more information regarding our Core Values and other doctrinal documents, please call the church office at: (760) 328-3591 or visit www.mccc.org.

Metropolitan Community Church of the Coachella Valley

Doctrine, Sacraments and Rites

+ Doctrine +

Christianity is the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and is the religion set forth in the Scriptures. Jesus Christ is foretold in the Old Testament, presented in the New Testament, and proclaimed by the Christian Church in every age and in every land.

Founded in the interested of offering a church home to all who confess and believe, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches moves in the mainstream of Christianity.

Our faith is based upon the principles outlined in the historic creeds: Apostles' and Nicene.

+ The Apostles' Creed +

I believe in God, the Father (*Parent*) almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his (*God's*) only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father (*Parent*) almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (*Christian*) Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. + Amen. +

+ The Nicene Creed +

I believe in one God,
the Father (Parent) Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;

Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. + Amen. +

We believe...

In one triune God, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient, of
one substance and of three persons: God—our Parent-Creator;
Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, God in flesh, human;
and the Holy Spirit, - God as our Sustainer.

That the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, showing
forth God to every person through the law and the prophets,
and finally and completely and ultimately on earth in the being of
Jesus Christ.

That Jesus...the Christ...historically recorded as living some
2,000 years before this writing, is God incarnate, of human
birth, fully God and fully human, and that by being one with God,
Jesus has demonstrated once and forever that all people are like-
wise Children of God, being spiritually made in God's image.

That the Holy Spirit is God making known God's love and
interest to all people. The Holy Spirit is God, available to
and working through all who are willing to place their welfare in
God's keeping.

Every person is justified by grace to God through faith in Jesus
Christ.

We are saved from loneliness, despair and degradation
through God's gift of grace, as was declared by our Savior.
Such grace is not earned, but is a pure gift from a God of pure
love. We further commend the community of the faithful to a life
of prayer; to seek genuine forgiveness for unkind, thoughtless and
unloving acts; and to a committed life of Christian service.

The Church serves to bring all people to God through Christ.
To this end, it shall arrange for regular services of worship,
prayer, interpretation of the Scriptures, and edification through the
teaching and preaching of the Word.