

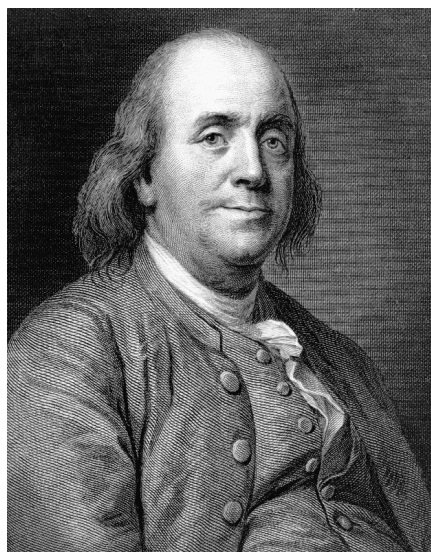


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Written for Brian Kilian, and the chancel choir of the Church of the Advent,  
Nashville, Tennessee

c. 1:45

PROGRAM NOTE:

A quintessentially American *credo*, sturdy, unabashed; from a letter to Ezra Stiles, March 9, 1790.

TEXT:

Here is my creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe. That he governs it by his Providence. That he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable Service we render to him is doing good to his other Children. That the soul of Man is immortal, and will be treated with Justice in another Life respecting its Conduct in this. These I take to be the...Principles of all sound Religion, and I regard them...in whatever Sect I meet with them.

Benjamin Franklin

# Franklin Credo

Benjamin Franklin

Carol Barnett

*f*  $\text{♩} = 104$

Soprano  
Here is my Creed.

Alto  
Here is my Creed.

Tenor  
Here is my Creed. *p* I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

Bass  
Here is my Creed. *p* I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

*f*  $\text{♩} = 104$

Piano  
(for rehearsal only)

5

S *p* I be-lieve in one God,

A *p* I be-lieve in one God, Cre-a-tor of the U-ni-verse. I be-lieve in one God,

T I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

B I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

5

Pno.

9

S *mp*  
Cre - a - tor of the U - ni - verse. I be - lieve in one God, Cre - a - tor

A *mp*  
Cre - a - tor of the U - ni - verse. I be - lieve in one God, Cre - a - tor

T *mp*  
8 I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve,

B *mp*  
I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve,

Pno. *mp*

13

S  
of the U - ni - verse. I be - lieve in one God, Cre - a - tor

A  
of the U - ni - verse. I be - lieve in one God, Cre - a - tor

T *mp*  
8 I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve,

B  
I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve, I be - lieve,

Pno. *mp*

17 *mf*

S — of the U-ni - verse. — I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

A — of the U-ni - verse. — That he gov-erns it — by his Prov-i-dence.

T I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, That he gov-erns it — by his Prov-i-dence.

B I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

Pno.

21

S I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, that he gov-erns it — by his Prov-i-dence.

A That he ought to be wor - shiped. — I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

T That he ought to be wor - shiped. — I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

B I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, that he gov-erns it — by his Prov-i-dence.

Pno.

25

S That he ought to be wor - shiped. *f* I be-lieve that the most ac-cept-a-ble Ser - vice we

A I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, *f* I be-lieve that the most ac-cept-a-ble Ser - vice we

T I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, *f* I be-lieve that the most ac-cept-a-ble Ser - vice we

B That he ought to be wor - shiped. *f* I be-lieve that the most ac-cept-a-ble Ser - vice we

Pno.

29

S ren-der to him is do-ing good to his oth - er Chil - dren. *mf* That the *mp*

A ren-der to him is do-ing good to his oth - er Chil - dren. *mf* That the *mp*

T ren-der to him is do-ing good to his oth - er Chil - dren. *mf* That the *mp*

B ren-der to him is do-ing good to his oth - er Chil - dren. *mp* I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

Pno.

34 *mf* *poco a poco dim.*

S soul of Man is im - mor - tal, and will be treat - ed with Jus - tice in an -

A soul of Man is im - mor - tal, and will be treat - ed with Jus - tice in an -

T soul of Man is im - mor - tal, and will be treat - ed with Jus - tice in an -

B I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

Pno. *mf* *poco a poco dim.*

38 *p*

S oth - er Life re - spect - ing its Con - duct in this. I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

A oth - er Life re - spect - ing its Con - duct in this.

T oth - er Life re - spect - ing its Con - duct in this.

B I believe, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve. —

Pno. *p*

42

S I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, and I re-

A These I take \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Prin-ci-pals of all sound Re - li - gion, and I re-

T 8 These I take \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Prin-ci-pals of all sound Re - li - gion, and I re-

B These I take \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Prin-ci-pals of all sound Re - li - gion. I be-lieve,

Pno.

42

S gard them \_\_\_\_\_ in what - ev - er Sect I

A gard them \_\_\_\_\_ in what - ev - er Sect I

T 8 gard them \_\_\_\_\_ in what - ev - er Sect I

B I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve,

Pno.

46



50 *p* *pp*

S  
meet with them.

A  
meet with them.

T  
8 meet with them. I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve.

B  
I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve, I be-lieve.

50 *p* *pp*

Pno.