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Methodist Beliefs: The Sacraments

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Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

Welcome

Prelude

Prelude on "Holy Manna"

Peter Pindar Stearns

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to experience God's grace through the sacraments!**

Leader: The sacraments are a means of God's grace; powerful, tangible and observable expressions of how much God loves us!

People: **Through Baptism and Holy Communion, we feel God's love, become new creations, receive forgiveness and emphasize our unity. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be-
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re-

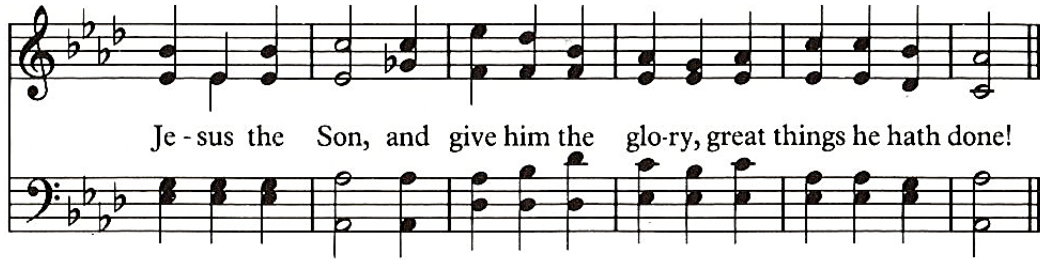
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and

tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lies, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.
 great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru



Opening Prayer

Lord, we thank you for Jesus! He gave us the sacrament of Baptism and Communion. Those two are set apart from any other actions we take. Those two are consecrated and ordained by God. Those two, we are commanded by Jesus to do. Those two include expressions of the past, present and future actions of God. Those two Jesus actually participated in himself. Thank you for these holy sacraments! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior.

I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

Senior Choir

On Holy Ground
Solo: Patti Dee McNeill

Geron Davis

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:21-32

For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Methodist Beliefs:

The Sacraments

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Benediction

Alexandre Schreiner

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 7](#) of this document.

Communion Anthem

Seek Ye First

Johann Pachelbel

Hymn

Majesty

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship his maj-es-ty; un-to

Je-sus be all glo-ry, hon-or, and praise. Maj-es-ty,

king-dom au-thor-i-ty, flow from his throne un-to his own;

his an-them raise. So ex-alt, lift up on high the name of

Je-sus. Mag-ni-fy, come glo-ri-fy Christ Je-sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty,

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord Is King

John Darwall

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
 power and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - - - -
 - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
 est! Blest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup