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Methodist Beliefs:

Faith and Good Works

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

Welcome

Prelude

A Morning Prelude on Dykes "Nicaea"

Eric H. Thiman

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 worship and ready to serve!**

Leader: God has given many gifts. Perhaps the greatest of these is salvation.

People: **God is offering us a gift! Let us work towards receiving it with gladness.**

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you are high beyond our understanding. We worship your mystery! Redeeming God, deep beyond our deserving, we worship your mystery! Inspiring God, beyond our own perceiving, we worship your mystery! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father,
We're so blest to be Your children, Gracious Father,
And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,
Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus,
We're so glad that You've redeemed us, Precious .Jesus;
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,
Precious .Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Senior Choir

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in

mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Methodist Beliefs: Faith and Good Works*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

arr. Lani Smith

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!

Hymn

America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -
strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Benediction**Postlude**

Thine Is the Glory

G. F. Handel