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Methodist Beliefs: Sacred Music

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Today's Lay Reader: Barbara Sabath

Welcome

Processional

Sound the Trumpet, Praise Him

arr. Hal Hopson

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 make a joyful noise to the Lord!**

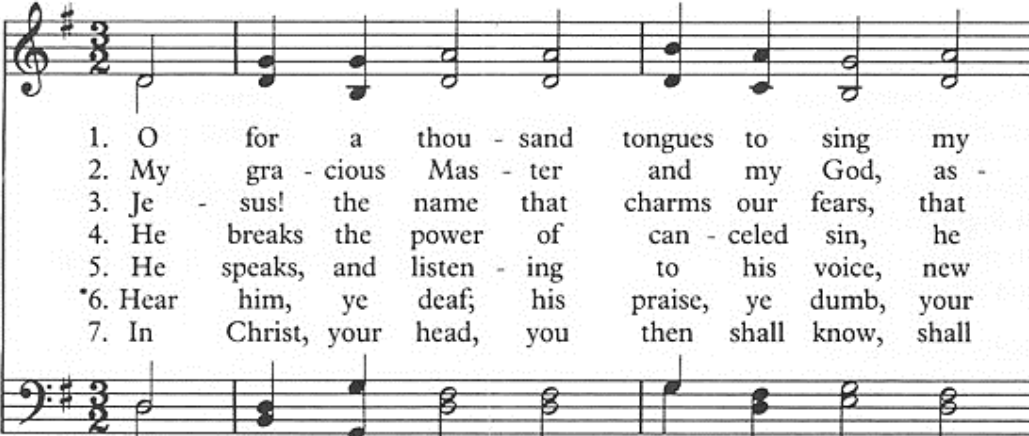
Leader: Music is a powerful way of expressing passion. While particular sounds vary by time period, or by preference, the act is the same. Music helps us connect to and give praise to our creator!

People: **Music has been an important part of our faith for thousands of years. As Methodists, we have sacred music in our DNA!**

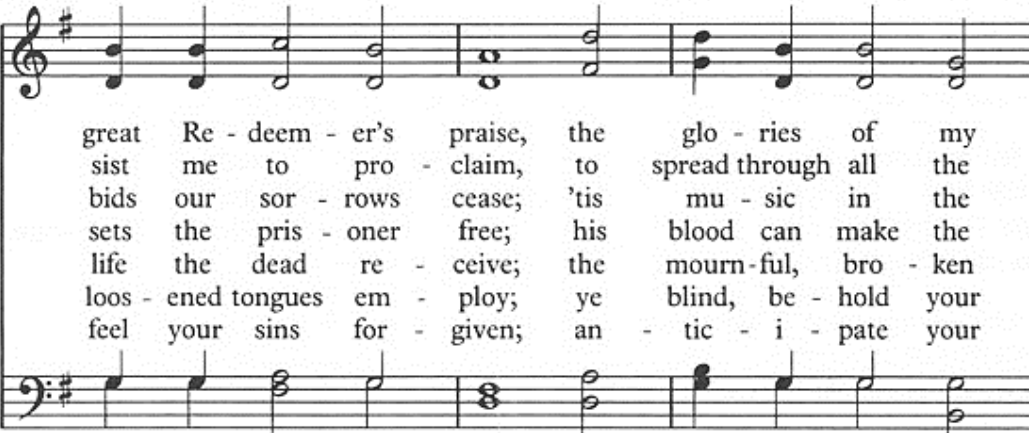
Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing


(verses 1 – 4)



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
 *6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

to the for - mer days be-long. All a - round the
nev - er that full joy con-ceived. God has prom - ised,
child of God, lift up your head! Pa-triarchs from the
saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter

clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; in
Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. Ev -
dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heaven, proph -
that bright por - tal, see that glow - ing fir - ma-ment; know,

God's like - ness we, a - wak-ing, know the ev - er - last-ing peace.
ery hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
ets, psalm-ists, seers, and sa - ges, all a - wait the glo - ry given.
with thee, O God Im - mor-tal, "Je-sus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Benediction**Postlude****Prelude in A Minor**

J. S. Bach

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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!

WORDS: From *The United Methodist Hymnal* (Isa. 6:3; Matt. 21:9)

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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 ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. 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