

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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Methodist Beliefs:

The Church

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude

Poem Mystique

Richard Purvis

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 celebrate the birthday of the Church!**

Leader: Today is Pentecost! What does our Methodist influence teach us about the Church?

People: **The Church is a community of faith connected to each other and to the world. The Church recognizes that we are better together than we are alone. We are glad to be together!**

Hymn

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. Spir-it of faith, come down, re - veal the things of
 2. No one can tru - ly say that Je - sus is the
 3. O that the world might know the all - a - ton - ing
 4. In-spire the liv - ing faith (which who-so - e'er re -

God, and make to us the God - head known, and
 Lord, un - less thou take the veil a - way and
 Lamb! Spir - it of faith, de - scend and show the
 ceive, the wit - ness in them-selves they have and

wit - ness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to ap -
 breathe the liv - ing Word. Then, on - ly then, we
 vir - tue of his name; the grace which all may
 con - scious - ly be - lieve), the faith that con - quers

ply and give us eyes to see, who did for ev-ery
 feel our in - terest in his blood, and cry with joy un -
 find, the sav - ing power, im - part, and tes - ti - fy to
 all, and doth the moun-tain move, and saves who'e'er on

sin - ner die hath sure - ly died for me.
 speak - a - ble, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
 hu - man - kind, and speak in ev - ery heart.
 Je - sus call, and per - fects them in love.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the Church. We thank you for this local church, but also for the Church of all times and places. Through it, we have met people we never would have met otherwise. Through it we have built a relationship with you that nurtures us and loves us. And through it, we have found a family to laugh with, cry with and learn with. Thank you for the Church! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Chorus

Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with his
 (2. O come and) sing this song with glad - ness as your

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and
 hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that
 ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -
 sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

scend up-on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

come and fill your lambs.

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

come and fill your lambs. .2. O come and

Senior Choir

Fall On Me

Douglas Nolan

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:37-47

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Methodist Beliefs: The Church

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

May the Mind of Christ

A. Cyril Barham Gould

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

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

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The second system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The fourth system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

Benediction
Postlude

Ancient of Days

Thomas Chesterton