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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

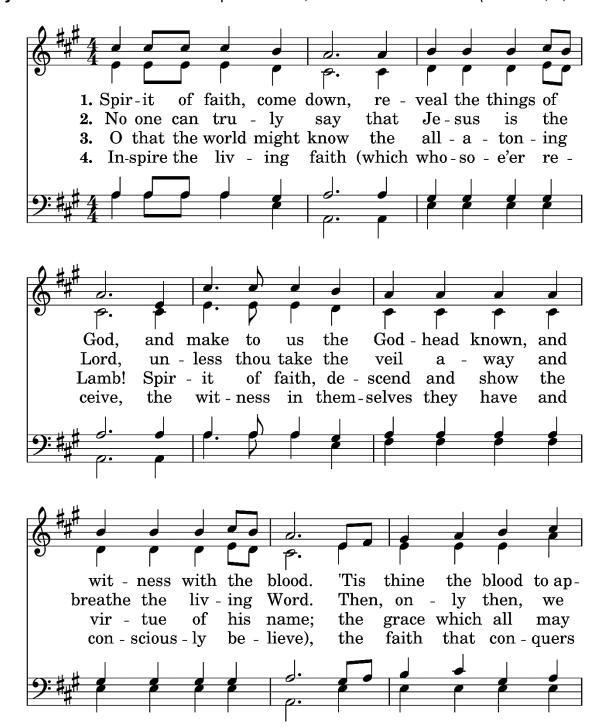
better together than we are alone. We are glad to be

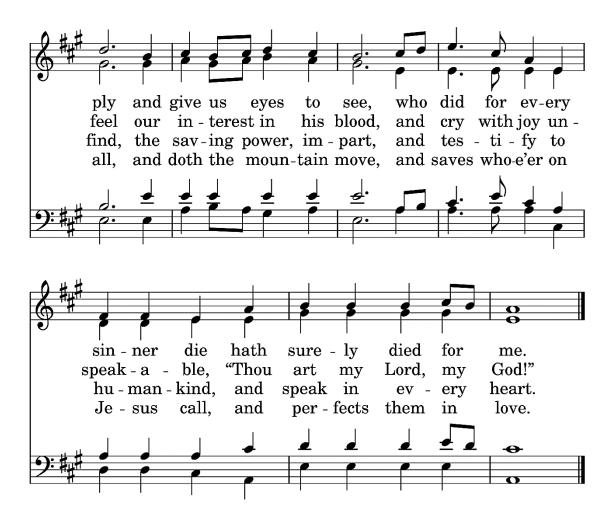
together!

Hymn

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

(verses 1, 3, and 4)





Opening Prayer

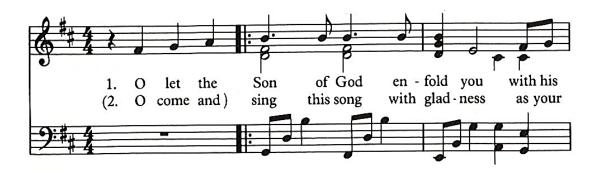
Almighty God, we thank you for the Church. We thank you for this local church, but also for the Church of all times and places. Through it, we have met people we never would have met otherwise. Through it we have built a relationship with you that nurtures us and loves us. And through it, we have found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

Pastoral Prayer

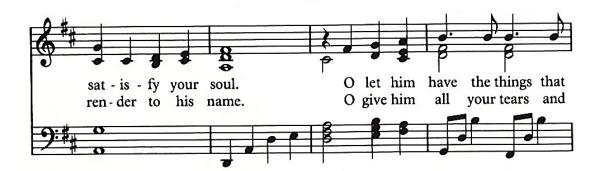
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Chorus

Spirit Song











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!



Benediction Postlude

Ancient of Days

Thomas Chesterton