Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Lay Litany

Theme: "Bold Faith, Christian Lay Moving Forward Together"

Leader: O, Lord we give you thanks for bold faith that stands on your word. Father thank you for a faith that is dead to doubt, blind to impossibilities; a faith that is challenged to move when we want to stay, a faith that looks back with gratitude and looks forward to serving the least and the lost in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

<u>Congregation</u>: Thank you Lord for giving us the spirit to serve with a grateful heart for we are blessed to be called the servants of God.

Leader: Lord on this Lay Day we come before you inspired by the boldness of the apostles in Acts 4, as they stood firm in faith and witnessed for Christ in the face of opposition, we ask that you grant us that same courage to move forward together boldly proclaiming your truth.

<u>Congregation:</u> Lord we praise You for You have blessed us to be a blessing.

Leader: For courage to speak truth to power as Dr. Martin Luther King and Congressman John Lewis did to proclaim freedom and justice for all, we stand boldly to testify to your power even when the world tells us to be silent.

<u>Congregation:</u> For the strength to obey You above all, choosing your will over the opinions of the world, our desire is clear, we have decided to follow Jesus.

Leader: God you have shined a light on the world to reveal some of the evil that surrounds us and when evil is exposed by your light it becomes visible and is a call to action for fervent prayers. God we see evidence of racism, abuse of power, injustice toward the poor and a demonstration of man's inhumanity to man.

<u>Congregation:</u> These are signs that lead us to say, have mercy upon us as a people and lead us in the path of righteousness to pray every day for your will to be done.

Leader: We realize as a people, as a body of believers that God has not given us the spirit of fear and so we boldly proclaim where there is hatred, we will sow love, where there is despair, hope and where there is sadness, joy.

<u>Congregation:</u> We call upon You God to hear our cries for mercy, to hear our plea to demonstrate by our actions that we truly are your Disciples .

<u>All</u>: The first law that God gave us was a law of obedience. 1 John 2:3-6 When we obey God, we are sure we know him. But if we claim to know him and don't obey him, we are lying and the truth isn't in our hearts. We truly love God only when we obey him as we should, and then we know we belong to him. Amen

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