

WHERE FAITHFUL PEOPLE GATHER

Tune: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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Where faithful people gather to hear the holy word,
There is a spirit running that will not be deterred.

It dances through our dreams -
Upending all our sorrows,
Our fears and selfish schemes.

Disrupting stable patterns, undoing normal ways,
This graceful spirit beckons and threatens to amaze,

Astonish and confound -
By swirling life in tumult,
That blessings may abound.

And so for faithful people who call on Jesus' name,
In Christ you will find comfort but won't remain the same.

The spark of love ignites -
It warms and flames with danger,
Burns hot as it delights.

This is no cold salvation. It sears our blood and bone.
New life's an act of passion, a gift of flesh, not stone,

To open up our lives -
In joy and liberation,
So all creation thrives.