## Forest of the Church

Rooting down, stretching out, branching out.

## Nutshell:

A song of connection with the wider church. You know, for the kiddos.

## Songleader's notes:

One theme of John 15 is being connected with Jesus like branches of a vine to the vine itself.

How do you connect with Jesus? (Spiritual practices like as prayer, Bible reading, service, silence, journaling, labyrinth walking, social action, worship, music).

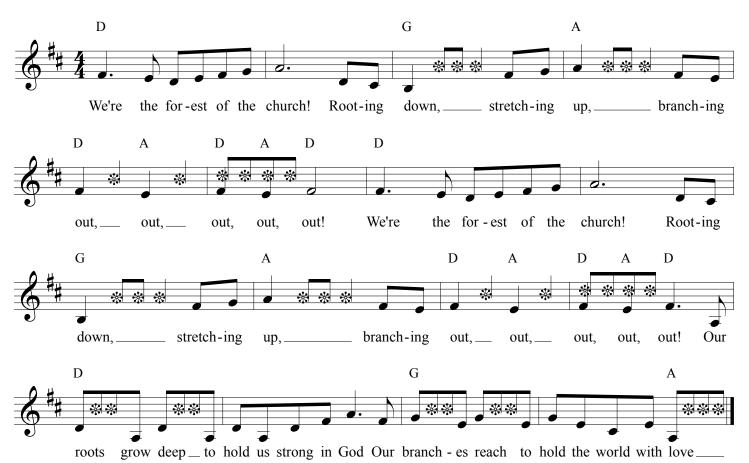
Another New Testament image of connection is Paul's metaphor of the body: the church is like a body with many diverse parts; we all belong to one another. (Rom 12.4-5, I Cor 12.12-26)

## How to lead it:

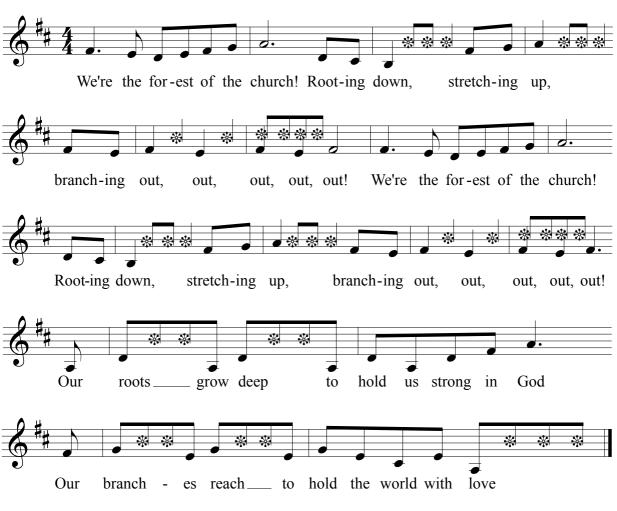
Use repetition to teach the song, inventing hand actions for the *rooting down*, *stretching up* and *reaching out* parts. Turn up the speed for to make it extra fun and unforgettable!

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