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Pick Me, Jesus!

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation on "Crusader's Hymn"

Jack C. Goode

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from near and far; in-person and virtual, live on Sunday and all week long! Come! Come and prepare to take your next step in faith. Come and worship Jesus Christ together!

People: **We come, ready to say "here I am, Lord, send me"!**

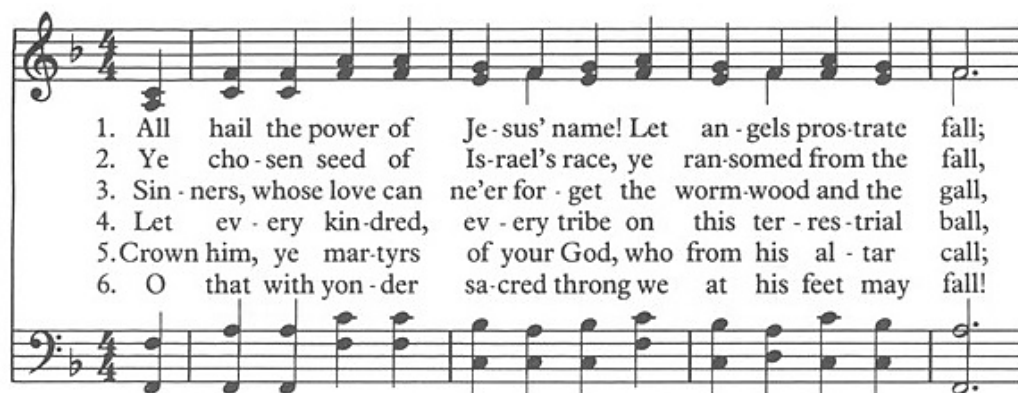
Leader: Where is Jesus asking you to go?

People: **Through prayer and discernment, Lord, if you lead us, we will go!**

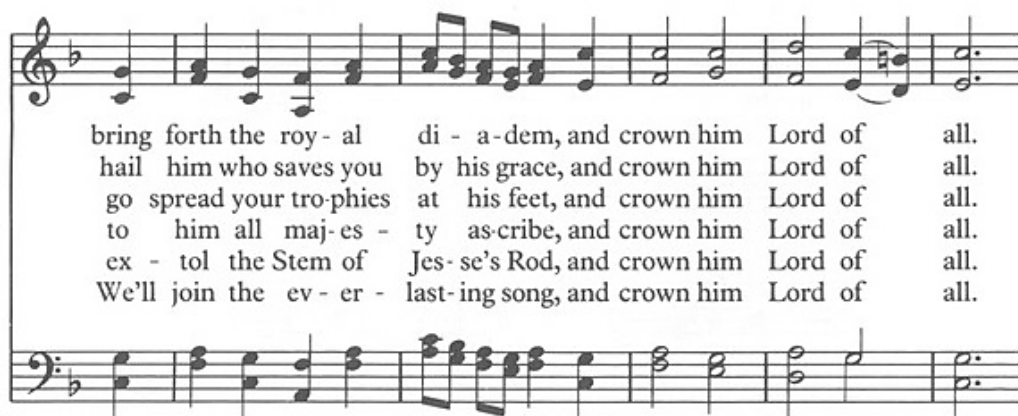
Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

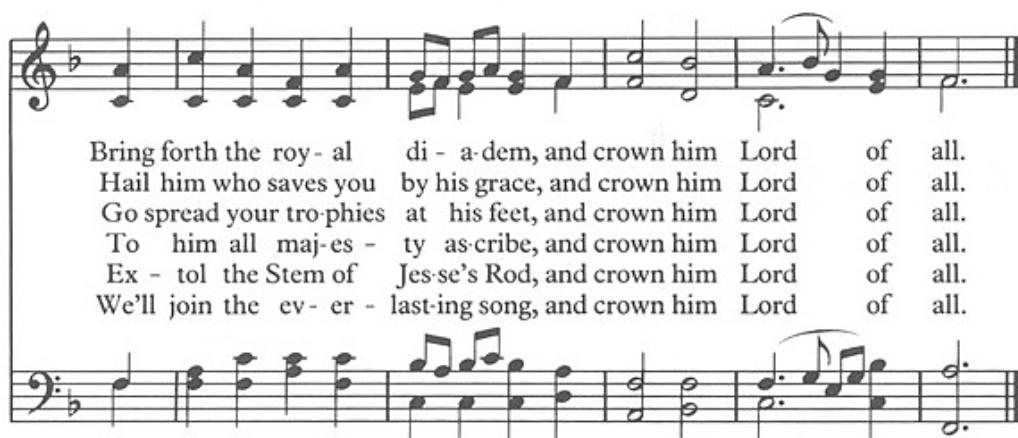
(verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)



1. All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3. Sin-ners, whose love can ne'er for-get the worm-wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball,
 5. Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from his al-tar call;
 6. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!



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 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex-tol the Stem of Jes-se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
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Opening Prayer

Lord, we come seeking your presence and your will. Open our hearts to hear your voice, prepare us to serve you faithfully, and give us the courage to go wherever you lead. Help us to respond like Isaiah, saying "Here am I; send me!" In Jesus' name we pray, amen!

Pastor's Preview

Sunday School Singers He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Young Disciples Chatting with The Rev

Chorus The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning,
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is your faithfulness.

Senior Choir God's Work Don Besig

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:4-9

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Pick Me, Jesus!

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Sarabande

Handel

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!



Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

There's Within My Heart a Melody

(verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)

1. There's with - in my heart a mel - o - dy
2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
3. Though some - times he leads through wa - ters deep,
4. Feast - ing on the rich - es of his grace,
5. Soon he's com - ing back to wel - come me

Je - sus whis - pers sweet and low: Fear not, I am with thee,
dis - cord filled my heart with pain; Je - sus swept a - cross the
tri - als fall a - cross the way, though some - times the path seems
rest - ing neath his shel - tering wing, al - ways look - ing on his
far be - yond the star - ry sky; I shall wing my flight to

peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.
 bro - ken strings, stirred the slum-bering chords a - gain.
 rough and steep, see his foot-prints all the way.
 smil - ing face, that is why I shout and sing.
 worlds un - known; I shall reign with him on high.

Refrain

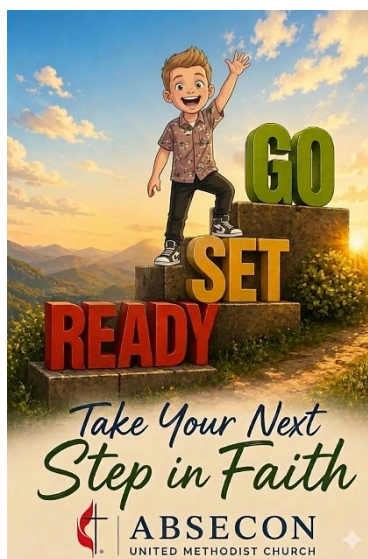
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, sweet-est name I know,
 fills my ev - ery long - ing, keeps me sing-ing as I go.

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. Frank C. Ritter



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