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Mission: Possible

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford
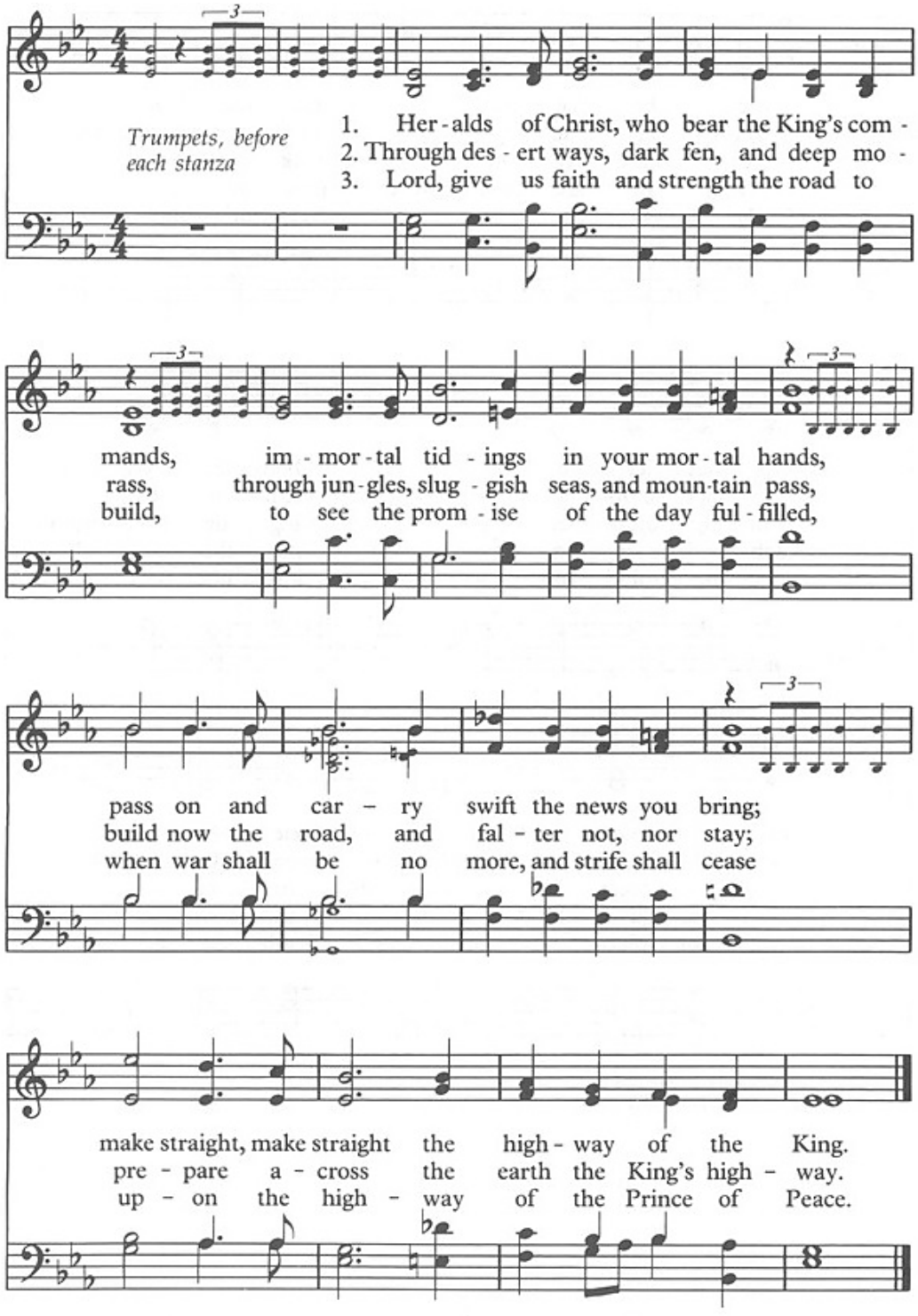
Welcome

Prelude O Jesus, I Have Promised arr. Todd Kendall

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 offer ourselves in service to Christ!
Leader: From the beginning, our faith has been about seeing people and their needs.
People: Then, putting resources together to respond with love and hope! Let's be that Church today!

Hymn Heralds of Christ
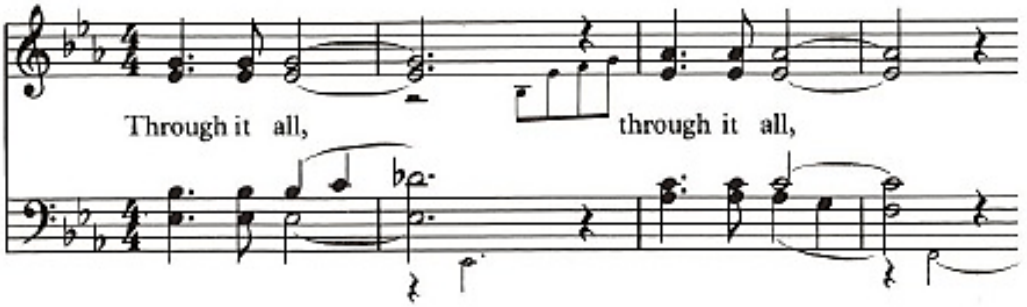


Opening Prayer
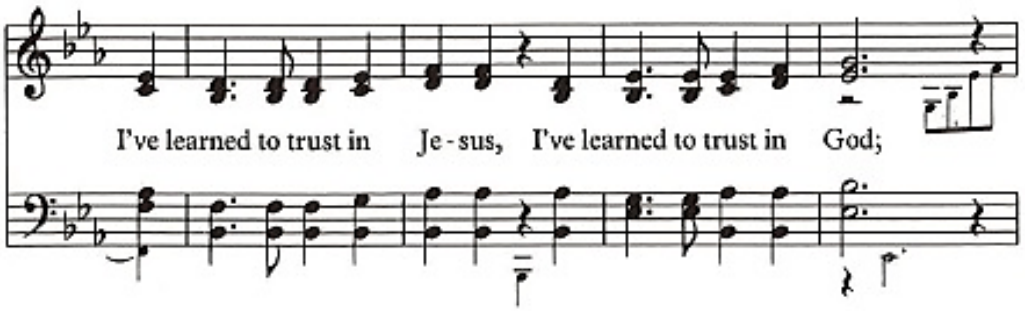
Lord, thank you for reminding us that every person matters; that caring for one another is an important part of our calling as the church. Give us eyes to see the needs around us, hearts that are moved with compassion, and willing hands ready to serve. Raise up faithful disciples to help us become a church where no one feels forgotten. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!
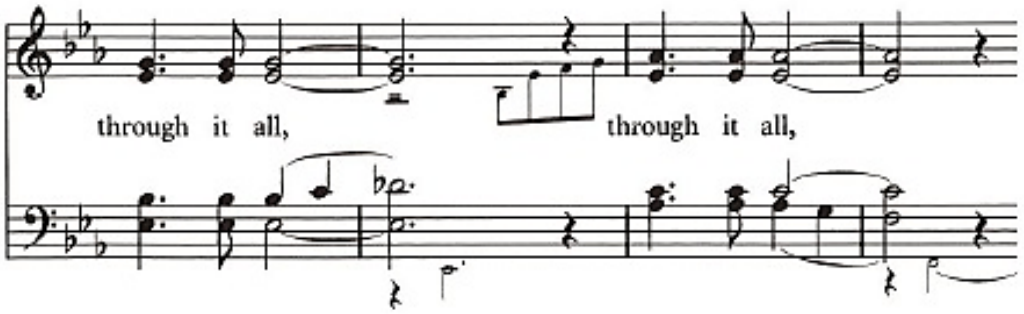
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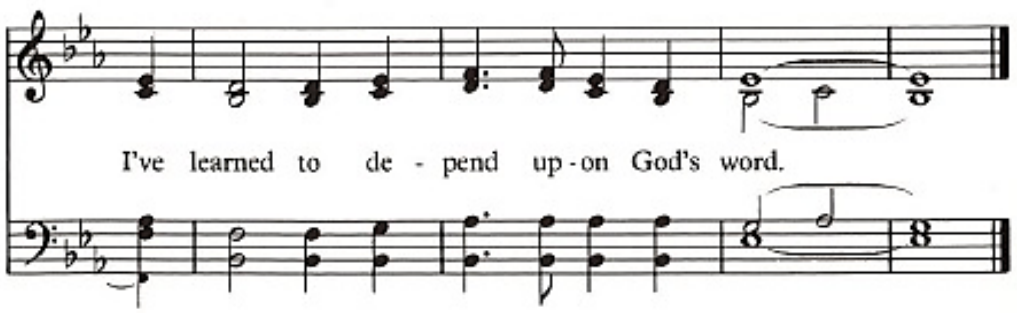
Young Disciples Chatting with The Rev

Hymn Through It All *(sing twice)*









Senior Choir Sing a Joyful Song Allen Pote

Scripture Lesson Acts 6:1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Message Mission: Possible

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Make Me a Channel of Your Peace arr. Douglas Wagner

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!

SCAN to GIVE

Pastoral Prayer

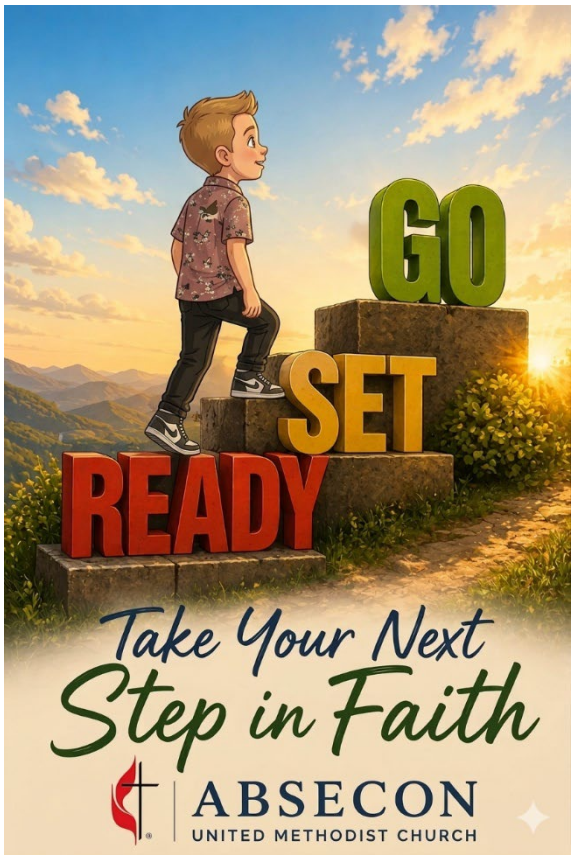
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Benediction

Postlude The Rejoicing Charles Callahan



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