

# The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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# Mardi Gras Sunday

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## Today's Lay Reader: Barbara Sabath

## Welcome

## Prelude

## What a Friend

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People: We come ready to be led by our Savior!**

Leader: Jesus is both Lord and Savior. Those are very different words. How is he both?

**People:** As a profession of faith, we often say Jesus is my Lord and Savior. Now, we will make sure we know what we're saying!

**Hymn**

**O When the Saints**

O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

Up where the streets are paved with gold,  
Up where the streets are paved with gold,  
O Lord I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

There was Aunt Matilda down in front,  
There was sister Lucy too,  
There was dear old Grandpa long since gone,  
The friends that we all knew.

O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

**Opening Prayer**

**Dear God, on this Mardi Gras Sunday, allow us one more party before Lent begins. We have a long journey before us. Our worship will be sometimes emotional, and always powerful. Our faith will be stretched, and our understanding will be expanded. We will once again be reminded of the cost of our salvation. With all this ahead, we enjoy this opportunity to jazz things up! Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sunday School Singers**     Standin' in the Need of Prayer

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

**Chorus**

**All Hail King Jesus**

All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,  
King of kings, Lord of Lords, Bright Morning Star.  
And throughout eternity, I'll sing Your praises,  
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

**Senior Choir**

**Everybody Shout**

**Patsy Ford Simms**

## Scripture Lesson

## Philippians 3:17-21

**Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Message

## Lord and Savior

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

## Offertory

## I'll Fly Away

arr. Mark Hayes

*(please join the singing when indicated)*

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,  
 O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in!  
 I'll fly away, fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
 When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away, fly away!

## \*Hymn No. 77

## How Great Thou Art

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the \*worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the \*roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through-out the un - i - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Too Hot Down There

Joyce Eilers Bacak