Prelude

#### Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Song

*O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Carol Elmore, solo) C. Wesley/M. Miller

# **Call to Worship**

God, whose glory fills our world; God, whose life is closer than breath; God, whose love is stronger than death; God, this God of life and love, has sent his Son to save us: Jesus Christ, risen to the right hand of God. Not to condemn but to bring full life; Not to accuse but to redeem; Not to reject but to draw close; God, this God of life and love, has sent his Son to save us: Jesus Christ, risen to the right hand of God. God who hears the cry of our seeking souls; God who sees the pain of our suffering bodies; God who feels the loss of our grieving spirits; God, this God of life and love, has sent an advocate to be with us forever, The Spirit of truth abides with us eternally. Before us to teach and lead, within us to comfort and heal Around us to shield and protect. God, this God of life and love, has sent his Son to save us: The Spirit of truth abides with us eternally.

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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## **Children's Story**

## **Call to Giving**

Loving God, you called the apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. We are living proof of the effectiveness of their mission; here today, called to be your followers, because of an unbroken line of faithfulness from then to now.

These gifts are a small token of our commitment to be witnesses in this generation; a down payment on the promise of all of our lives available for your good purposes. Amen.

Response	<i>To God be the glory</i> (refrain)	# 102

### Hearing from God's Word

#### Scripture

Acts 1:6-11

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

#### Message

# Don't just stand there!

# Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

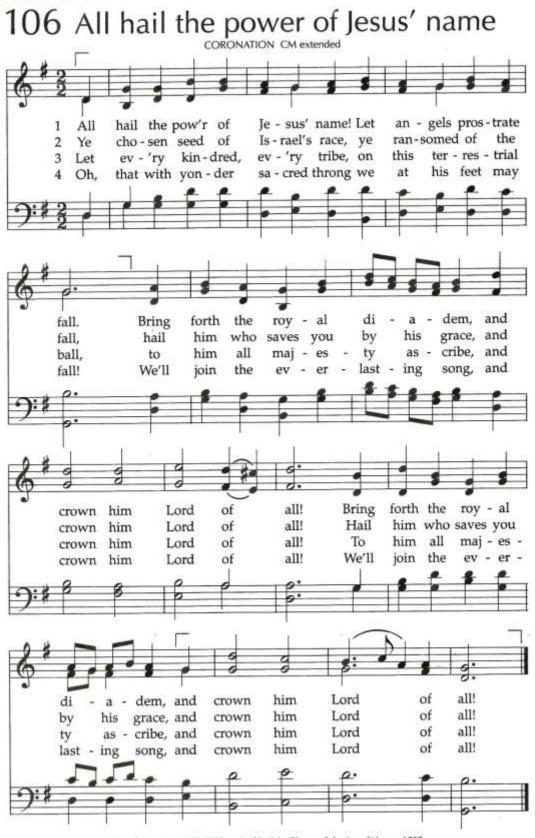
Hymn

Blessed are they

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Benediction

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