



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPARTANBURG, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale

G. F. Handel

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

*God of mercy,
grant that the Word you speak this day
may take root in my heart
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

INTROIT

All Things Work Together for Good

John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

All: **God is with us,
even in the midst of our loneliness.**

One: On treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

All: **We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.**

One: Come to hear. Come to learn.

Come to God, our refuge and strength.

All: **We are here to find grace and love.**

We are here to worship and pray.

One: Come, let us worship God.

*All people that on earth do dwell,
 sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
 him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
 Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed;
 without our aid he did us make;
 we are his folk; he doth us feed,
 and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise;
 approach with joy his courts unto;
 praise, laud, and bless his name always,
 for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good;
 his mercy is forever sure;
 his truth at all times firmly stood,
 and shall from age to age endure.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One:

As we prepare to meet Jesus Christ at table,
 let us confess to God our brokenness and need.

All:

Gracious God,

we come before you a people
 too nearly conformed to this world and its values.

We fail to develop our God-given abilities,
 then envy those who do.

We neglect the nurture of our best selves.

We serve, but sometimes with resentment
 because we say "Yes" to the most insistent caller
 more than we say "Yes" to you.

Expecting too much of ourselves,
 we resent others who seem not to do their share.

We spend our money on that which is not bread
 and turn our eyes away from images of those who have no bread.

We ignore our own hunger and thirst for you and your righteousness.

Transform us by your Spirit and renew our minds.

May we find the joy and peace that come from
 seeking your will,
 walking in your ways,
 and loving others.

Through Jesus, your faithful servant, we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

One: And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Come to the Table

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Faint Not, Fear Not

Henry Smart

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: ***And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come to the Waters

G. F. Handel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

CRIMOND

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Psalm 150:4

Douglas E. Wagner

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.

Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Additional Musicians

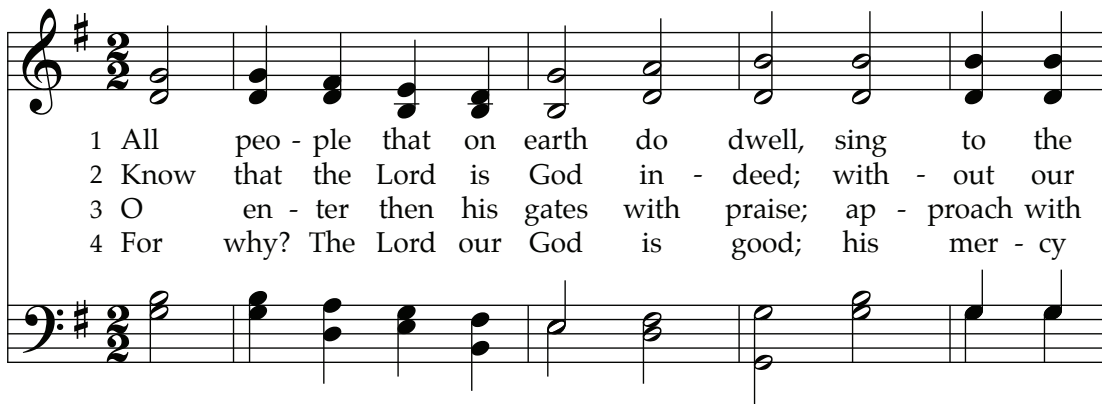
Valerie MacPhail
Paul MacPhail

Today's Floral Memorial:

*In celebration of
the marriage of Carrie Elizabeth Andrews and Travis Michael Muthig
on September 5, 2020.*

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

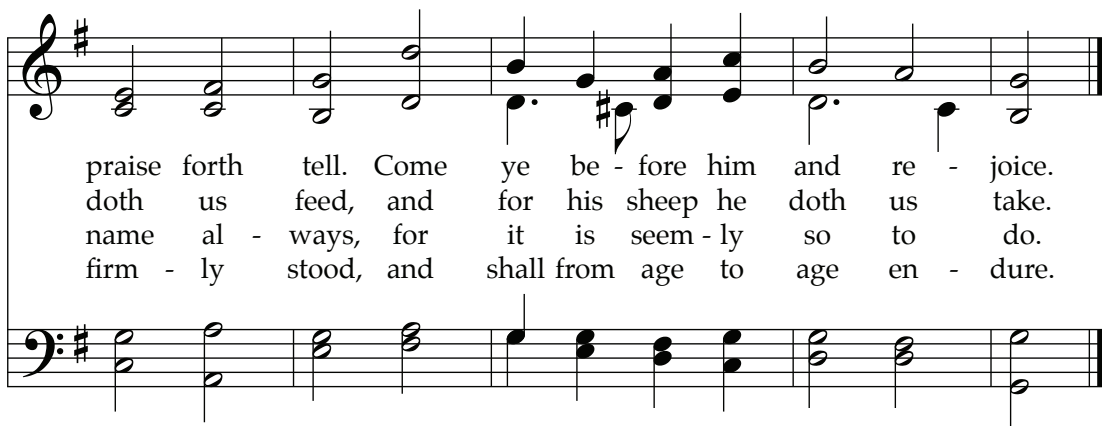
(Psalm 100)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

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1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end,
re - newed, sus-tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.