

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST CHESTER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 9:00 AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GATHERING

Prelude

Fantasy for Saxophone and Piano

Denis Bedard

Call to Worship

We are called to accept the invitation to discipleship.

As the church, we are invited to the joy of servanthood.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Prayer of the Day

**God of love,
help us to take a step closer to those around us.
Wherever our roads have begun,
they lead towards you.
Help us travel this one road together.
Give us the ability to welcome and to serve as you do.
Today we choose you, we choose justice and compassion,
we choose to be with others and to be for others,
thanking you for the chance to serve.
In your Son's name we pray, Amen.**



ENCOUNTERING

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

*During the singing of the following response, children may join their teachers for Sunday School.
Families can pick up their children after the service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.*

Response

God of Great and God of Small

Hymn 19, v.1

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Moment for Ministry

First Crew 20th Anniversary Celebration

Sacrament of Baptism

Adelynn Bea McMillan
Daughter of Corey and Erinn McMillan
Born February 19, 2023

Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**



VISUAL WORSHIP

The images in today's bulletin are from hand-carved linoleum block prints by artist Elizabeth Steele Halstead.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor

Joe Schorn, Guest Preacher

George Zumbano, Liturgist

Sándor Kádár, Director of Music

Peyton Cole, Assistant Organist

Amanda Erno, Conductor Scholar

Braden Mulcahy, Tenor Saxophone

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 - jice.
 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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap-pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal-tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.