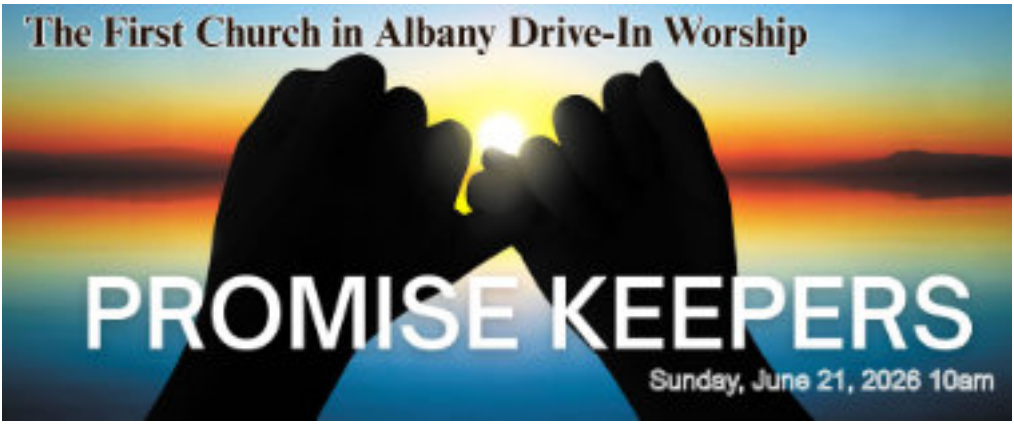

Radio Station **87.9 FM**

Prelude ***"But the Lord Is Mindful"*** (from St. Paul)
Arrigo Barbiretti (1906-1994)
"Gymnopedie"
Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19)

Leader: Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in his presence! For he is our God: a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection; the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

People: Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!

Leader: Let's worship God together!

***Opening Hymn**

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #385
OLD HUNDREDTH

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Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way.
Have mercy upon us when we turn from you.
Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us.
Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are.
We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Words of Assurance John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Sermon Text Genesis 21:8-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Promise Keepers"

Prayers of the People by the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory** **"Chaconne"*
Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer
(1665-1746)

***Sending Hymn**
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" #687
ST. ANNE
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***Charge & Blessing**

Postlude** ***"Rondeau"
Jean-François Dandrieu
(1682-1738)

Note: Join us in Clee Park after worship for our Lemonade Lull.

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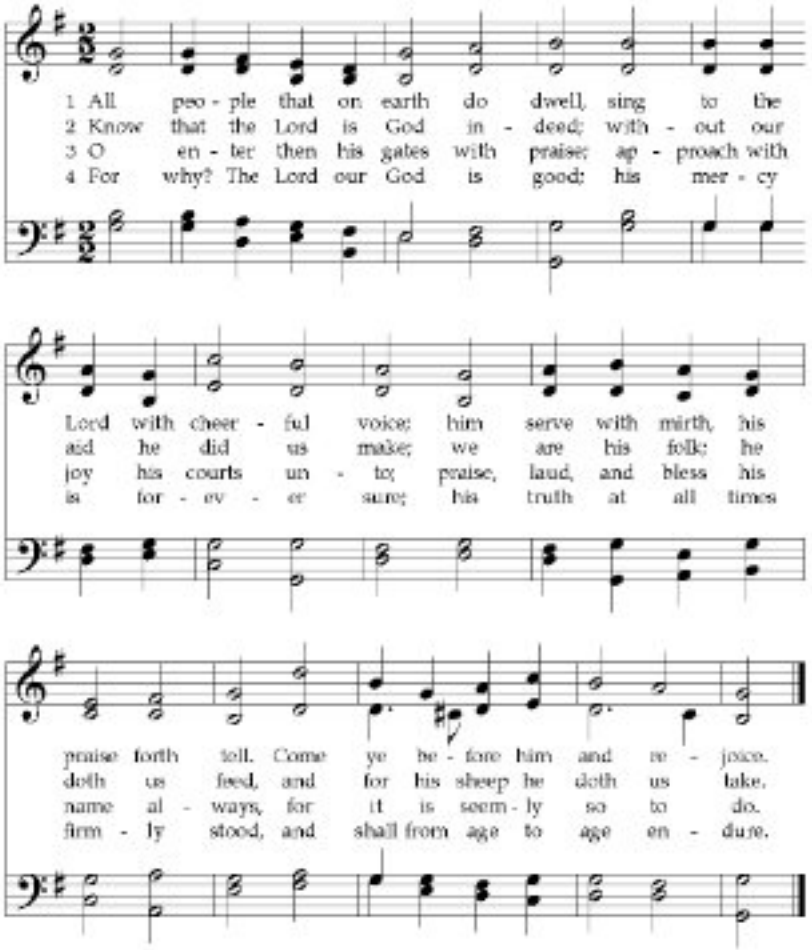
Liturgist: Ralph David Spence
Keyboardist: Alfred V. Fedak
Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

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.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560
MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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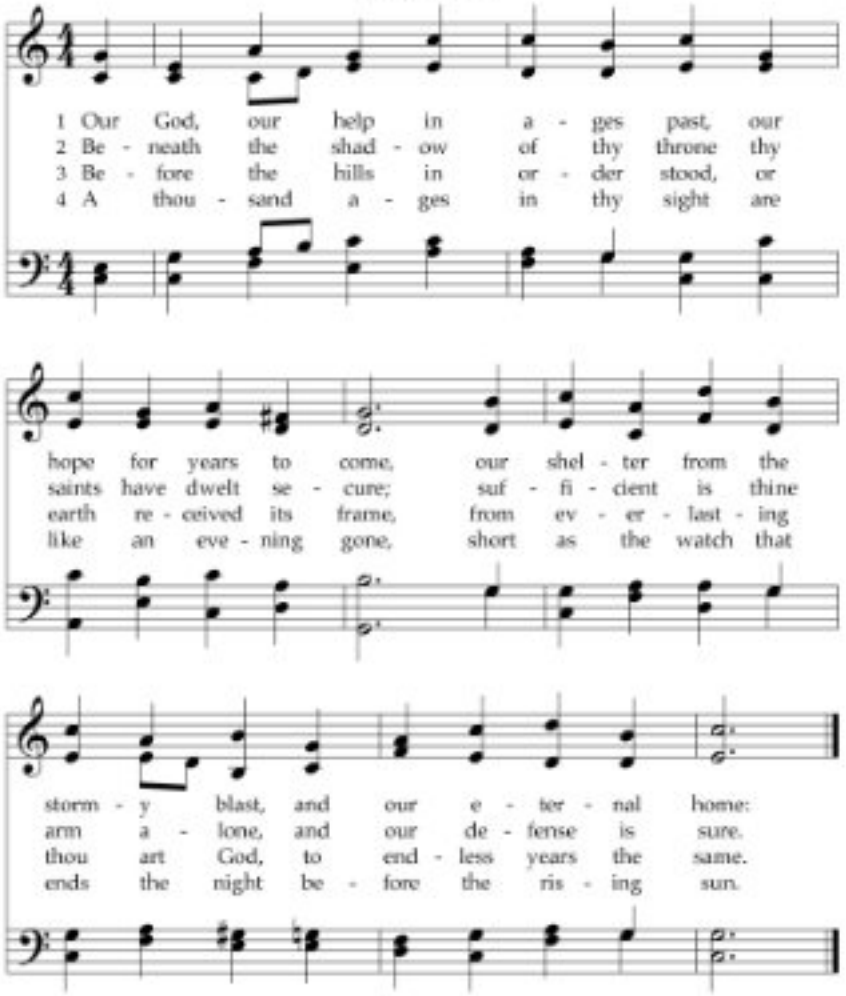
687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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TUE 23	PANTRY	9AM
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	FOCUS BOARD MTG. OFF SITE	6:30PM
WED 24	HOT DOGS IN THE PARK	11:30AM
	CENTERING PRAYER	NOON
	AA MEETING IN THE POWELL ROOM / IN THE PARLOR	NOON
THU 25	PANTRY	9AM
SAT 27	CACC INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY	9AM
SUN 28	DRIVE-IN WORSHIP IN THE SHERIDAN LOT	10AM
	LEMONADE LULL IN CLEE PARK	10:45AM

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