

Old First Presbyterian Church



Full to the Brim: An Expansive Life

**Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022**

**The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude	From Messiah	George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Solo	Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.	Michael Desnoyers, tenor Isaiah 40:4
Solo	How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.	Kirsten Fleischmann, alto Romans 10:15
Chorus	Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.	1 Corinthians 15:21
Recitative	Behold, I tell you mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.	Sergey Khalikulov, bass
Air	The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.	1 Corinthians 15:51-53
Solo	I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.	Chelsea Hollow, soprano Job 19:25, 26; 1 Corinthians 15:20
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	<i>The choir sings the refrain once through. Then the congregation joins the choir singing it a second time. After the choir's verse, all repeat the refrain twice.</i>	
Choir	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.	
All	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.	
Choir	Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.	
All	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name. (repeat)	
*Call to Worship		Betty Voris
Leader	This day is not like any other day.	
People	Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in Good News.	

Leader This day is not like any other day.
People **Today we are singing.**
Today we are full to the brim.
Today joy cannot be contained.

Leader This day is not like any other day.
People **Today the stone is rolled away.**
Today the women see the empty grave.
Today we know: Death does not win.

Leader This day is not like any other day.
People **Amen. Alleluia!**

***Hymn 232** **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** Arranged by John Rutter (born 1945)

- 1 **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Betty Voris

God of new life, we are a mixed bag.
We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.
We want to embody the resurrection,
but often we'd rather stay the same than begin again.
We want to have the courage
to be like the women on that Easter morning—
to run and speak truth,
but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.
Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.

Silence is kept.

Break into our hearts. Overflow here.
With hope we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Family of faith,
if there is life after death,
then you can be certain
there is life after mess,
there is life after mistakes,
there is life after doubt,
there is new life freely given—
and that life is for you.

You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.

People **May we live full to the brim in response.**
Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia!

Offertory *Usbers will receive the offering at this time.*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come.

Song of Solomon 2:11-14

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with Our
Children**

**Prayers of the
People**

Erwin Barron

Prayer Partners Eva DeLair, James Brown and Isaac Browndelair, Eder Dueñas, Angela
Mayor and Sebastian, Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia

**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.

Anthem

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
Michael Desnoyers, tenor; Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Thou hast turned my laments into dancing;
thou hast stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
Thou hast turned my laments into dancing
and my spirit may sing psalms to thee and never cease.

I will confess thee forever, O Lord my God.

Psalms 30:11-12

Scripture

Leader For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

**Affirmation
of Faith**

**We believe in a God who can astound us—
a God who created the Sierra Nevada,
the stars on a spring night,
and the green of Scotland.
We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—
an example of love for those on the fringes,
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.
We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.
And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again—
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.
Ever since that day,
we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—
a life not measured by wealth or accolades,
but a life full to the brim with joy,
overflowing with laughter,
saturated in hope,
and decorated with good news: Death has lost its sting.
We believe and are set free.
Thanks be to God!**

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 249**

**Because you live, O Christ
1 Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.**

Refrain

**The stone has rolled way
and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day,
for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen!
2 Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-denying.
3 Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span creation;
the colors of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Pastor Henderson

Postlude Refrain “Thine Is the Glory” Sung by the Choir
March from Judas Maccabeus “Thine Is the Glory”
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

You may also place your offering in the basket as you leave the church or may make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First’s on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: www.oldfirst.org.

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

Easter 2022

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 11:00 am

Worship with Hymns and Communion

Join us next Sunday to sing our favorite hymns of the Easter season and to celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

Livestream via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/htZZvfwYbIY>

We are still keeping everyone safe with vaccinations and mask wearing in worship.

Today’s Flowers

The flowers today are given by
Tom Culp in memory of Mary and Frank Culp, and by
Mary Russell in thanksgiving for her Old First family.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This annual offering enables Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond quickly to catastrophic events. If you have brought your fish-box fattened with your loose change, please place it in the offering basket in the narthex.

Old First Staffs Interfaith Food Pantry, April 23

Sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, April 23, when Old First staffs the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First’s website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

Remembering Joe Ballard, April 24

After worship on Sunday, April 24, Old First Presbyterian will gather to remember the life of Joe Ballard who died early this year in Florida. Please bring your favorite memories as we honor a man who added such a presence to our community through the years.

New Deacons’ Parishes

As new members of the Board of Deacons meet for the first time, they will assign new deacons’ parishes. Watch for news about who your new deacon will be.

“Full to the Brim” from A Sanctified Art

The call to worship, confession, assurance, prayer of illumination and affirmation of faith are adapted from prayers by the Reverend Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Image on the Cover

The image on the cover is “Resurrection Women” by Caitlin Kennel Kim.