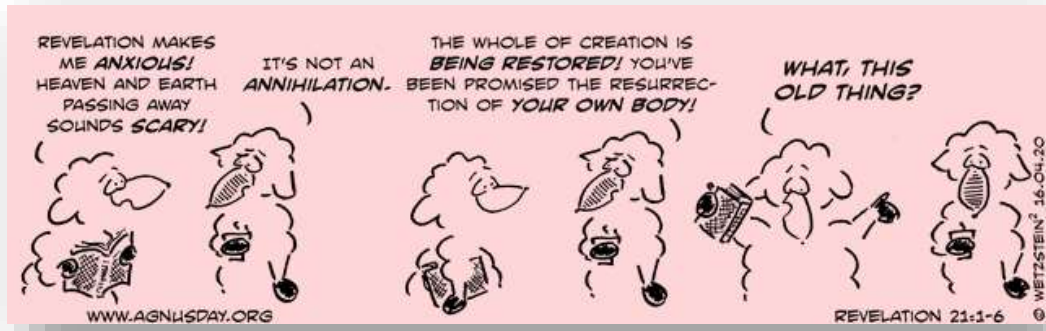


Old First Presbyterian Church



Eastertide May 15, 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 *Grave – Adagio* from Organ Sonata 2, Op. 65, No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Donald Moore (born 1938)

Sing and rejoice!
Let all things living now sing and rejoice!

***Call to
Worship** Stephen Taber

People **We are the church that lives into God's future today.**

Leader A church united across space and time.

People **A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.**

Leader A church that lives by the work of God in Christ,
that was, is now, and is still to come.

People **The one who is seated on the throne says to us:
See, I am making all things new!**

Leader A new heaven and a new earth,
where the home of God is among God's people.
People **God's future is epic, and it's good news.
Remember God's future, for this is our story!**

Mennonite Church Canada

***Hymn 246 Christ is Alive!**

- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
 - 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**
 - 3 **In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where ever hope has died.**
 - 4 **Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, free for all.**
- Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love , and praise.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Stephen Taber

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.
God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.
Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.**

Silence is kept.

**Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Through Christ, God gives us life today.
People **We are a new and different people from this moment on!**
Leader Arise then! And walk in the ways of Christ.
People **We walk the ways of Christ
because we trust our now and our future to God!**

Offertory *Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*
Chorus from St. Paul, Op. 36 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands, their glad tidings. Romans 10: 15, 18 (adapted)

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 Sam Cheng

Prayer Partners David Griffith and Joe Sheffey, Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch, Maggi Henderson, Soodeh Hedayati, Tanner and Julia Highlen, Kristi Hoerauf

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.**

Solo And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears Rob Roy Peery (1900-1973)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying:
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with mortals.
And God will dwell with them, and they shall be God's people,
and God the Lord shall be with them.
God Almighty shall be with them. God shall be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain. Revelation 21:3-4

Scripture Revelation 21:1-6
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.**

Worship Through Responding to God's Word
*Today we commission Elder Lori Yamauchi as a member of the
225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

Pastor Almighty God,
in Jesus Christ you called disciples, and
by the Holy Spirit you made them one church to serve you.
Be present with Lori and the other members
of the 225th General Assembly of our church
gathering both in Louisville and on-line this coming June and July.
Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world,
and to respect old things you keep and use.
Save them from empty slogans and senseless controversy.
In their deciding, determine what is good for our church and for all people.
As this General Assembly meets, let your Spirit rule,
so that our church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ,
who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom.

People **Amen.**

***Hymn 384 Soon and Very Soon**

- 1 **Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**
- 2 **No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**
- 3 **No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**
- 4 **Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace* from Organ Sonata 2, Op. 65, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

You may 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.

Ballot Review with Betty Voris, Today

Betty Packard Voris, chair of San Francisco's Ballot Simplification Committee, will review the June 7 ballot with us today, May 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom. To join the meeting, use this URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87818209565?pwd=U0liMVJDUlJlUWU01TXJ1K01XZWVhUT09>

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 21

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, May 21, when Old First and St Luke's staff 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. The pantry coordinators will thank you! For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

Holy Communion, May 22

Next Sunday, May 22, Old First will celebrate Holy Communion. Whether you join us in person or on line, prepare yourself for the Lord's Supper.

We've Come this Far by Faith: Songs from the Black Experience, May 22

The **Racial Justice Task Force of Old First** is thrilled to present **Terence Elliott, Ed.D.** and **Nymani Music** in a journey through the history of the African American experience through music. Dr. Elliott, a professor of music and African-American history, will be giving a lecture and performance focusing on "Spirit, Rhythm, and Story: Community Building and Healing through Song" on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm. Please join us for an uplifting journey through Black American music.

Venue: St Luke's Episcopal Church, Van Ness Avenue at Clay Street (just one block away from Old First). Suggested donation: \$20. Masks required.

Memorial Day, May 30

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

AIDS LifeCycle 2022, June 5-11

This year **Pastor Maggi** has committed herself to being a roadie for the annual AIDS LifeCycle (ALC). Roadies are the 650+ hardworking individuals who volunteer their time all week to support the 2400+ ALC cyclists who will pedal their bikes from San Francisco to Los Angeles, June 5 through 11. Like the cyclists, roadies raise funds that benefit the work of the **San Francisco AIDS Foundation** and the **Los Angeles LGBT Center** in reducing new HIV infections and improving the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS.

To encourage Maggi and to promote the life-saving work of these two institutions, simply visit Maggi's ALC donation page - www.tofighthiv.org/goto/maggilu2022 - and be generous.

PS: "Thanks to everyone who's made a contribution! I'm bowled over by your generosity and support for this great cause!" -Maggi

AV Streaming Crew Volunteers Needed

Would you like to try your hand at livestreaming our Sunday worship services? We're looking for volunteers to become part of our AV Streaming Crew that livestreams our worship services on-line. You don't have to have experience – we didn't! We'll provide you with all the training and detailed instructions you need. You'll be part of a team that will share the Sundays so everyone takes a part and no one gets overwhelmed.

E-mail us today and let us know you'd like to try it. We're looking forward to working with you!

Chris Burt – chris.burt@oldfirst.org, Kim Pham – kim.pham@oldfirst.org

O1C Needs Volunteer Ushers

Enjoy free concerts, make new acquaintances, and support one of your favorite non-profit organizations! Volunteering with **Old 1st Concerts** is a wonderful opportunity for students, seniors, or anyone with a passion for music, and... we'll work with *your* schedule and availability!

Send an E-mail to O1C house manager Curtis Huth today: curtishuth@oldfirstconcerts.org