

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 26, 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 Prière à Notre Dame from *Suite Gothique*, Opus 25
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Choral from *Quatre Pièces pour Orgue*, Opus 37 Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Donald Moore (born 1938)

O come, let us sing unto God;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Sing and rejoice!

***Call to
Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader We come to God in our need,
People and bring with us the needs of the whole world.
Leader We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
People who knows by experience what human life is like
Leader We come to God with our faith and with our doubt.
People We come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader We come to God as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,
People and God has promised never to turn us away.

***Hymn 22**

God of the Sparrow

- 1 **God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**
- 2 **God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe
How does the creature say Save**
- 3 **God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**
- 4 **God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life**
- 5 **God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace**
- 6 **God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

Prayer of
Confession

Mary Russell

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness,
we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope,
but we are frightened by your call.
We are afraid of taking chances;
we are afraid of following your light,
because it leads us into the places where you need us.
We don't want to see how your people hurt.
We don't want to see your light shining in the eyes of our neighbor.
Yet we know that in those places your grace shines;
help us to seek your light.

Silence is kept.

Guide us in your way
that we might be your children of day.
Through the Light-of-the-World, we pray.
Amen.

Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

God is light! In God there is no darkness!
Arise! Shine! Our Light awaits.

People

**We are forgiven. Our future awaits us with hope.
We will walk in the light of God's grace! Alleluia! Amen.**

Offertory

Ushers will receive the offering at this time.

From *Devotional Songs*, No. 3

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

A rose touched by the sun's warm rays
All its petals does unfold;
So you, when touched by God's great mercy,
Let joy and gladness win your soul.

Maria Brubacher (1789-1834)

The Peace

Leader

Please remain seated for the Peace.

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Time with Our
Children

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 25:4,
Deuteronomy 15:2, Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 4:9-11

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

Worship Through Holy Communion

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving.

**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.**

The Lord's Supper *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

Simply follow the directions of the pastor.

Music During Communion Come to the Table of Grace

Please use Hymn 507 to focus your mind and heart on communion.

Before you receive communion sing Verse 1:

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table. It's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Then partake in communion, and afterward sing Verses 4 and 5:

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table of joy...

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 175 Seek Ye First**

**1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Litany for a
Sabbatical**

Leader Throughout Holy Scripture from Genesis' beginnings to Jesus' ministry and to the church's witness, accounts of holy activity are set apart by holy rest, quiet places, and time for restoration. God has given us, God's people, the Sabbath as a pattern for life: Sabbaticals offer us time for renewal, for reminders of whose we are and what we are called to do, and for rest that refreshes us for life.

A sabbatical is a gift given to a congregation by a pastor. It is a time for leaders to step forward and share their gifts with the community. It is a time to hear other voices lead worship and proclaim God's word.

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Today we – the pastor and people of Old First Presbyterian Church – will commence our sabbatical.

The Board of Deacons and Session stand.

Leader During this sabbatical, will you, the leaders of Old First Presbyterian Church, pray for this community and for Maggi? Will you carry out your commitment to serve this community in God's name?

Elders and Deacons I will with the help of God.

The pastor stands.

Leader Maggi, this community has given you the gift of sabbatical. Will you pray for the members and ministry of this congregation? Will you use this time faithfully, in ways that will renew and strengthen you as a pastor in God's church?

Pastor I will with the help of God.

The whole congregation now stands.

Leader Members and friends of Old First, you now have the opportunity of sabbatical. Will you pray for our community and for the ministry we share? Will you use this time faithfully, in ways that will renew you and will strengthen you as the people of God?

People We will with the help of God.

Leader Let us pray together:

**People Dear God, bless Maggi, our leaders,
and all the members and friends of Old First Presbyterian Church
during this time of sabbatical.**

**By your Spirit, strengthen us in the gifts you give us
and renew us as your servants.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Choral
Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

John Rutter (born 1945)

Numbers 6:24

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Sortie (abridged) Louis-James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

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.

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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

Today Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, begin our sabbatical for the months of July through October. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Wedding Joy: Amanda Roncaglia and Austin Coffee

This afternoon Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia will be joined in marriage at a ceremony in Marin County led by Pastor Henderson. Please include them in your thanksgivings and prayers. You will find their address in the church directory or by contacting the church office.

Pride Day Today

The colorful diversity of the human race is just one reflection of the greater and more glorious diversity of the whole of God's good creation. Old First wishes members, friends, and neighbors a very "Happy Pride!"

**Session Meeting via Zoom, June 28
New Time: 5:30 pm**

The session of Old First Presbyterian will meet next Tuesday, June 28, via Zoom as usual. However, they will meet at a **new time: 5:30 pm**. Session members, mark your calendars, set your digital reminders, and watch for the Zoom invitation.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday: Nancy Martin Vincent

Next Sunday, we will welcome the Reverend Nancy Martin Vincent, DMin, to our pulpit. Nancy is the synod executive of our synod, the Synod of the Pacific, based in Petaluma.

Before her call to mid-council work, Nancy specialized in transitional ministry leading churches from 80 to 800 members to increased health and vitality. Nancy was a classmate with Pastor Maggi graduating from Union Theological Seminary (today Union Presbyterian Seminary) in Richmond, Virginia. Nancy received her Doctor of Ministry in homiletics (preaching) from McCormick Seminary, a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS).