

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, July 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** Soeur Monique, Fugue sur les jeux d'anches from *Messe à l'usage des Paroisses*  
François Couperin (1668-1733)

**Welcome and Church Life** Eva DeLair

**\*Call to Worship** Betty Voris

Leader God is our refuge and strength!

**People God is an ever-present help in times of trouble!**

Leader Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth seems restless!

**People Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
the Lord of hosts is with us!**

Leader The God of Jacob is our refuge!

**People God is our ever-present help!**

**\*Hymn 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Prayer of  
Confession

Betty Voris

Holy God, we give you thanks  
that by your power you created us,  
and by your goodness you call us to be your people.  
We confess that sometimes in the busyness of our lives,  
we fail to bear the burdens of others.  
We ignore the pain all around us in our world.  
We pass by the hungry, disregard the poor, and snub the oppressed.

*Silence is kept.*

In your great mercy, forgive us, free us from selfishness,  
and humble our hearts that we may choose your will;  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of  
Forgiveness

Leader  
People

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Therefore, we can be sure that, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Alleluia, Amen.

Offering

*Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*

Solo

Seek Ye the Lord from *Five Sacred Songs*

Richard DeLong (1951-1994)  
Michael Desnoyers, tenor

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
Call upon God while God is near:  
Let the wicked forsake God's way,  
And the unrighteous ones their thoughts,  
And let them return unto the Lord,  
And God will have mercy upon them;  
And to our God, for God will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways my ways,  
For as the heav'ns are higher than the earth,  
So are my ways higher than your ways,  
And my thoughts than your thoughts.

Adapted from Isaiah 55:6-9

The Peace

Leader  
People

*Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the  
People

Mary Russell

Prayer Partners

Kurt Schwartzmann, Pam Sebastian, Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith,  
Sally Spencer, Mark Spicer and Sam, Rose Marie Springer

**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.**

**Scripture**    Luke 10:38-42  
**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**    Distracted While Serving

The Reverend Arlene W. Gordon, DMin

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 749**    **Come! Live in the Light!**

**1**    **Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**Refrain**    **We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk numbly with God.**

**2**    **Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more.**

**3**    **Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude**    Basse et dessus de trompette

François Couperin (1668-1733)

*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](http://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**

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. 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 the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

**Today’s Guest Preacher: Arlene W. Gordon**

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Arlene W. Gordon, DMin. Dr. Gordon is an honorably retired teaching elder (minister of word and sacrament) in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Arlene retired as the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida in 2010. Upon retirement, she continued to serve the church as a parish associate at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami until her return to the Bay Area. She recently completed eight years as a director for the Board of Pensions. She has served as pulpit supply and bridge pastor for many congregations, as interim executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Detroit, and as an associate at the office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

Arlene was ordained as associate pastor at Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church, Richmond, California, and is currently a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco. She received her Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

**Next Sunday’s Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs**

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. Dr. Reyes-Gibbs has just finished a three-year transitional/interim position with New Bridges, Hayward, after retiring in 2017 from her first call lasting nineteen years with Bethel Community Church, San Leandro. Not embracing retirement well, she continues to serve as a consultant with churches focused on transformation and with other presbyteries addressing ethnic concerns.

Before ordained ministry, Sarah served the Stockton Unified School District as an elementary and high school teacher for eight years, as a coordinator for a Drug Free School Zone at Edison High School, Stockton, and before that as a legislative assistant with the California legislature twenty years.

In addition to raising four children, Sarah also earned a bachelor at the age of 40, received her Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis on administration, received her Master of Divinity at age 50, and received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on parish redevelopment at age 60. Pastor Sarah’s perspective on life and faith is shaped by her trust in God and her experience as a Filipina-American, pastor, wife, mother of four, *lola* (Filipino for grandmother) of fifteen, and much more!

**Holy Communion, July 24**

Next Sunday, July 24, Old First will celebrate Holy Communion. Whether you join us in person or on line, prepare yourself for the nourishment and empowerment of the Lord’s Supper.

**We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, July 30**

We need your hands! The City needs your hands! Jesus needs *your* hands! Without your hands, Old First won’t have enough helping hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, July 30.

But you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. The pantry coordinators will thank you! The clients will thank you. You’ll have fun. You’ll be part of the solution to food insecurity in our neighborhood. For more information, check with Riley or John Kramar. They will thank you.