

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 18, 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	Vigil	Eugene Butler (born 1935)
	Encore Toccata	Craig A. Penfield (born 1948)
Welcome and Church Life		Stephen Taber
Introit		Gordon Young (1919-1998)
	Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise, That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!	
*Call to Worship		AnnieScott Rogers
Leader	Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?	
People	Blessed be the name of the Lord.	
Leader	Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?	
People	Blessed be the name of the Lord.	
Leader	Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?	
People	Blessed be the name of the Lord.	

***Hymn 664 Morning Has Broken**

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise ever morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

**Prayer of
Confession**

AnnieScott Rogers

Gracious God, you know our sin:
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.
We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.
We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your way.

Silence is kept.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.
Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and
to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People **Thanks be to God!**

***Doxology**

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Taizé

Offering *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem.*

Anthem

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Behold now, praise to God, all ye servants of our God.

Ye that by night stand in the house of our God,

Even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary of our God, and praise the Lord.

From Psalm 134

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the People

Sidney Hollar

Prayer Partners Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross, Bob Fleming, Ed Frauenheim and Rowena Ritchie, Skyla and Julius, Pam and Greg Free

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

Psalm 113

Luke 16:1-13

The Message, Paraphrased by Eugene Peterson

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

What Does It Mean To Really Live?

The Reverend Sarah Reyes Gibbs

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 697 Take My Life and Let It Be**

1 **Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee,
filled with messages for thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only all for thee,
ever, only all for thee.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Postlude Toccata and Fugue on "Te Deum Laudamus" BuxWV 218
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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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.

Our Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs

Today our guest preacher is 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!

Next Sunday’s Guest Preacher: Cal Chinn

Our guest preacher next Sunday will be the Reverend Calvin “Cal” Chinn. Mr. Chinn is a native San Franciscan and attended public schools in the city—Commodore Stockton Elementary, Francisco Jr. High, and George Washington High School—before leaving home for Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He was nurtured in the Christian faith through participation in the Cameron House program and membership in the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown.

Cal’s call to ministry led him to San Francisco Theological Seminary. He was ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco in 1966. He has served as a youth pastor and Christian Educator; pastor on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Oregon, and his home church, the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. He has also served on the faculty at San Francisco Theological Seminary and as the Transitional Executive of the Presbytery and the Transitional Head of Staff at Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

Cal is married to Sharon Wells; has three adult children—a daughter, Robin, and two sons, Stephen and Jason; and three grandchildren—two granddaughters, Ella and Harper, and a grandson, Miles.

This Week at Old First

- Sunday September 18**
 - 4:00 pm O1C: Lynn Shugren, piano
 - 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
- Tuesday September 20**
 - 7:00 pm Worship Committee, on-line
- Saturday September 24**
 - 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk
 - 5:15 pm Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday September 25**
 - 11:00 am Worship
 - 4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective Concert
 - 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

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