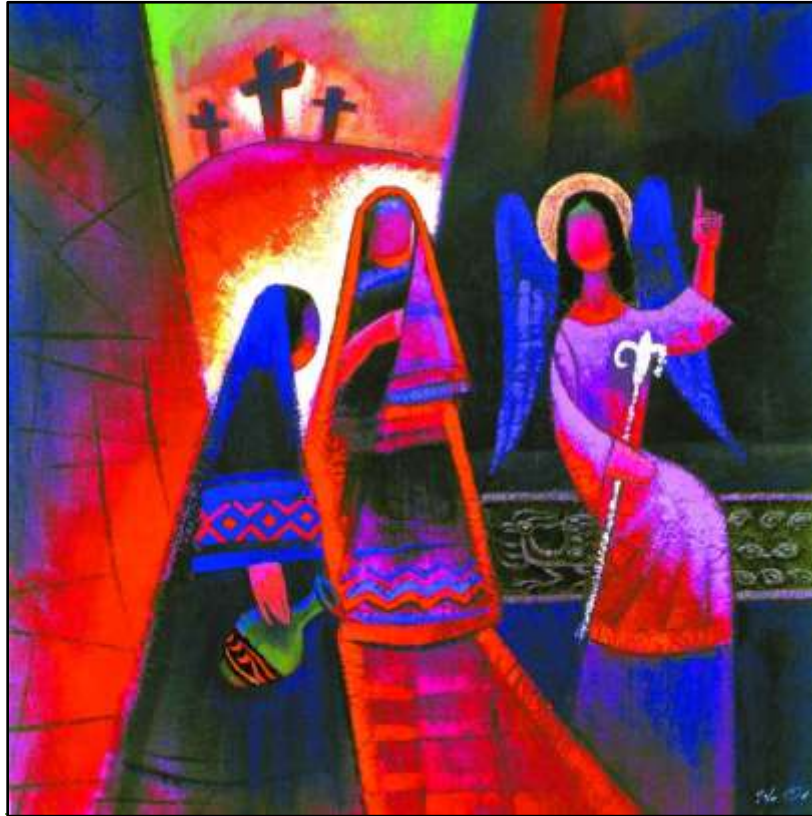


Old First Presbyterian Church

seeking: *Who are you looking for?*



“He is Risen” by He Qi

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Worship Through Praising God

Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude *The choral prelude begins at 10:30. The worship service begins at 11:00.*

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

Introit Easter Fanfare

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Now is Christ risen from the dead,

and is become the first-fruits of them that sing. Alleluia!

From 1Corinthians

***Call to
Worship**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Liturgist What are you looking for?
People The light before dawn.
Liturgist What are you looking for?
People A reason to hope.
Liturgist What are you looking for?
People Joy after grief and flowers after winter.
Liturgist What are you looking for?
People A place to belong.
Liturgist What are you looking for?
People We are looking for the Messiah.
Liturgist Good news! Come in. Love is alive!
People Surely God is in this place.

***Hymn 232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

- 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!
Sinners 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**

Jeanne Kirkwood

**Emptier of tombs,
on this morning of hallelujahs,
we must confess how human we are.
We haven't done any great evil,
but we have failed to do good when we had the chance.
We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb,
but find it difficult to share this good news
with our friends and neighbors.**

Silence is kept.

**Dazzling God,
bring us to life.
Where we are tired and stressed,
give us the energy to serve your creation;
transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace;
forgive us for all the damage we have done –
and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader God, our creator, gives us new life;
Christ, our redeemer, prepares a table for us;
the Holy Spirit, our joy, calls us to service.
This is the good news:
The tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

People **On this very first day – and every day –
we walk as God’s people, forgiven and made whole.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Hymn 583**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Offering

Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.

Anthem

Easter Anthem William Billings (1746-1800)
Edited by Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah!
And did He rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed o’er the grave.
Then I rose, then first Humanity triumphant passed
the crystal ports of light, and seized Eternal Youth.
We, all immortal, hail Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to us.
Thine’s all the glory, ours the boundless bliss.

From 1 Corinthians and Young’s *Night Thoughts*, 18th C.

***Doxology**

Sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Hymn 10

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Time with Our
Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Erwin Barron

Prayer Partners Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps, Chloe Pollock, Phil Pollock,
Spencer Pollock, Glen Potter, Charles Rambo, Dortha Reade, Linda Reyder,
Lisa Robeck

**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

John 20:1-18

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 resurrection—
mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,
like tulips after the snow: real.
We believe in Easter morning—
in the promise of a God
who would roll back every stone to return to us.
We believe in Jesus—
who calls us by name and asks,
“Who are you looking for?”
So we look—
for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.
And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”
Amen.**

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *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.**
 - 5 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.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Donald Fishel (born 1950)

Arranged by Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

Postlude Toccata (abridged) Op. 42, No. 1 from Symphonie V

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for an Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour. To find the stairs, ask an usher, or simply follow the crowd.

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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. For cash or a check, please use the envelope included in this bulletin. For electronic payment, you can use the kiosk in the narthex or click the link to Old First's donation page on our website: www.oldfirst.org

Today's Liturgy and Art

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

The confession and assurance of forgiveness are adapted from *Fire and Bread* by Ruth Burgess of the Iona Community in Scotland.

Today's cover art is "He is Risen" by artist He Qi. Currently resident in California resident, He Qi Studied at Nanjing Normal University and Nanjing Art Institute in China, and at the Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. He is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Art Institute of the Renmin University of China, Beijing.

Second Sunday of Easter, April 16

Next Sunday at 11:00 am we worship with hymns and communion at Old First Presbyterian Church as we carry forward our Easter joy. We will also install two deacons on the Board of Deacons.

Memorial Service for Josephine Yee, April 22

Old First member Josephine Yee died in February of this year. Old First will hold a memorial service for her on Saturday, April 22, at 1:00 pm.

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, April 22

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, April 22, 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. Or go directly to the sign-up page: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation> The pantry coordinators will thank you! For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, April 22

We believe in a life changed by grace and in celebration of this new life we share our gratitude, our hope, by serving others. The 4th Saturday Community Dinner this month falls on Saturday, April 22. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Pickin' on the Polk: Bluegrass on Polk Street, April 22

“Pickin’ on the Polk” is the free Bluegrass Show in the Discover Polk Community Benefit District (CBD) to be held on Earth Day, April 22.

That day the Discover Polk CBD will temporarily transform Polk Street into free, 11-hour bluegrass (and more) festival featuring renowned artists playing throughout the neighborhood. The outdoor “Bandwagon Stage” will begin at 12:00 noon and end at 6:00 pm featuring five different acts. The CBD is also partnering with the Aquarium of the Bay to provide conservation education for children and families during the daytime performances. Saturday evening continues with 15 more bands “taking over” the local watering holes up and down Polk Street.

A temporary street closure will take place on Polk Street between Pacific and Jackson.

All shows are 100% free to the public, though some will be 21+ due to alcoholic beverage service.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief

Thank you! The interfaith benefit concert on March 25 to raise funds for relief in the earthquake-stricken regions of Turkey and Syria at Old First was amazing: So far we have raised **over \$3,700**.

Inquirer and Membership Classes

Want to know more about Old First? Curious about the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Wondering about joining the church? If so, Pastor Maggi would like to talk with you: She’s thinking about holding Inquirer and Membership Classes for folks interested in life and membership at Old First Presbyterian Church. Speak with her at coffee hour, call her at the church office, or send her an E-mail: maggi@oldfirst.org

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Looking for a gift for loved ones or friends at Old First? Why not sponsor our coffee hour in their honor? It’s only fifty dollars. The sign up sheet has returned to the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. We’ll include your dedication in that Sunday’s bulletin.

This Week at Old First

- Sunday April 9, Easter Sunday**
After worship Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday April 10, Easter Monday**
Church Office Closed
- Saturday April 15**
7:00 pm O1C: Ali Akbar Khan Tribute Concert
- Sunday April 16, Second Sunday of Easter**
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting, On-Line
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- The Reverend Lisa Robecheck Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
- Jarron Carlson Composer in Residence
- Brad Peterson Office Admin
- Kiristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator

Easter Flowers 2023

The following members and friends of Old First have given today's Easter lilies.

Gabby Beck-Engeser

- In memory of her parents Oskar and Ilse Beck

Michael and Nina Berg

- In memory of Marguerite Faller
- In memory of Betty Berg
- In memory of Joe and Burnita Burton

Diane Brenum

- In gratitude for Larry Marietta's music ministry

Cindy and Chris Burt

- In memory of Debbie Bryan Oelke
- In memory of Violet and Charles Burt
- In memory of Arline and Pat Bryan

Hsiaochien Chuang

- In honor of Linda Reyder
- In honor of Fernando José González

Tracy Clagett

- In memory of Barry Clagett
- In honor of Tom Culp
- In honor of Sam Cheng

Larry Marietta

- In memory of Leslie and Marion Marietta
- In memory of John and Elsie Smith

AnnieScott Rogers

- In memory of her parents, Doris and Junius Rogers

Mary Russell

- In honor of Old First staffers
- In memory of Josephine Yee
- In thanksgiving for the Deacons
- In memory of Jim Juhan

Andrea Segura Smith and Randy Smith

- In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Betty and Steve Voris

- In memory of our parents, Raymond and Juanita Reed, Bob and Kay Voris
- In honor of our supportive friends and family

Those who have given today's Easter lilies are invited to take them home after worship today.