

Old First Presbyterian Church

Christ has no body on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes
through which Christ's compassion
looks out on the world,
yours are the feet
with which Christ is to go about doing good,
and yours are the hands
with which Christ is to bless us now.

Theresa of Avila, 1515–1582

Eastertide
May 21, 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 Liturgical Improvisation No. 3 George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Charles R. Cronham (1896-1969)

I will praise thee, O God, with my whole heart;

I will speak of all thy marvelous works,

And be glad and rejoice in thee, O thou Most High.

Psalm 9:1-2

***Call to Worship**

Claudia Garrison

Leader The world belongs to the Lord,
People the earth and all its people.
Leader How good and how lovely it is
People to live together in unity.
Leader Love and faith come together,
People justice and peace join hands.
Leader If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
People the stones would shout aloud.
Leader Lord, open our lips
People and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Hymn O Christ, When You Ascended**

Sung to LANCASHIRE ("The day of Resurrection!" Hymn 233)

- 1 **O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.**
- 2 **We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.**
- 3 **We're tempted, Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.**
- 4 **It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.**
- 5 **One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.**

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**Prayer of
Confession**

Claudia Garrison

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times
our doubts and fears override our hope and faith.
Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love
and instead fall into despair and gloom.
Forgive us when we close ourselves
to change in our hearts and in our lives:
Change that starts with your love and forgiveness.**

Silence is kept.

Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us remember
the promise of new life here and now,
not just the hope of resurrection for the future.
We give thanks for your Son, Jesus the Christ,
who continues to offer us new life,
who continues to turn us around and upside down,
who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.
Forgive us, restore us and renew us.
In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away.
There is no darkness now, only light.
God continues to renew us and restore us.

People **We are forgiven, loved, and restored,
receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now.**

Leader Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ.

***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

William Craft (1678-1727)

God is gone up with a merry noise.
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
For God is the king of all the earth.
O sing ye praises with understanding!

Psalm 47:5, 7

***Hymn 609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. 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

Scripture

Luke 24:36-53

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

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of mornings be with you!

People May the God of evenings be with you!

Leader See what love God has for us, as we open our hearts to Eastertide's joy.

People Our hearts overflow with peace and grace.

Leader Let us sing praises to God, children of Easter.

People We join our voices in gladness and wonder.

The leader continues the prayer...

Leader With those children who trust in your promises,
with those who have known your joy in shadowed moments,
with our sisters and brothers in this place,
we offer our songs of praise to you:

**Hymn 569 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The leader continues the prayer...

**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 Words of
Institution**

The Bread and the Cup *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
Simply follow the directions of the leaders.*

The communion trays have wine and grape juice.

The inner clear cups hold wine.

The outer purple cups hold grape juice.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 267** **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** Tune: MADRID
- 1 **Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!**
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
 - 2 **Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!**
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
 - 3 **Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!**
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

13th Century German Melody
Arranged by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
And from thy celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine. Hallelujah!

John Henry Fowler (1861-1932)

Postlude Encore Toccata

Craig A. Penfield (born 1948)

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Today's Coffee Hour

Chris and Cindy Burt have given today's coffee hour in memory of Josephine Yee.

New Key-Cards and Access

The new system of key-cards for the Sacramento Street door and the door to the inside stairwell is now on-line. Your old key-card will no longer open these doors. If you need a new key-card, please contact the church office.

Remember always to check that the outer door has fully shut behind you when you enter or leave the building.

Pentecost, Next Sunday

Pentecost comes next Sunday. Please wear something red to worship. Red reminds us of the Holy Spirit, who came down on the people like tongues of fire.

Also, come ready to be generous and give to the Pentecost Offering. You can use the Pentecost Offering envelope in next week's bulletin or you can make your Pentecost offering on-line: Either visit Old First's donation webpage: <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>, or go directly to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s giving page: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/pentecost>

Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to support programs for young people in their local communities. The remaining 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for work around the globe.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, May 27

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, May 27. 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

This Week at Old First

Sunday May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
4:00 pm O1C: Simone Vallerotonda, lute: *Méditation – Les quatre saisons du luth*
This is a free concert!

Tuesday May 23

7:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

Saturday May 27

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Sunday May 28, Pentecost

11:00 am Worship
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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