

Old First Presbyterian Church



A Season of Pentecost Sunday, June 18, 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 Fantasie-Sonate in A-major, Opus 65, *adagio espressivo*
Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Welcome and Church Life

***Call to** Cindy Burt

Worship

Leader On this ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

**People We come, trusting God will speak to us;
we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

Leader On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

**People We follow, believing Jesus will be with us;
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

Leader On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:
People We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
 we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

***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 humbly 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.

Expressing **Honoring our Food Pantry Coordinators:**
Thanks **Frank Gama and Chris Hallacy**

Prayer of
Confession

Cindy Burt

Creative and loving God,
 you have searched us out and known us
 and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned:
 we have put up walls between ourselves and you,
 closing our hearts to your gifts.
 We have failed to respect and honor
 the gifts you have given us in creation, earth and all living things.
 We squander the inheritance of generations to come.
We have sinned against each other:
 we have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors,
 giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance.
 We are stained by the sin of racism
 and fail to respect the gifts of all your peoples.
 We have used our power to dominate
 and our weakness to manipulate;

**we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have trusted false gods
and listened to their promises;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other;
we have fallen into deep despair.
In our despair we have forgotten you,
and have gone away from your path.**

Silence is kept.

**Forgive us for what we have done to hurt others
and the ways we have hurt your earth.
Give us your blessing and help.
Let us walk in your great love;
through the great peacemaker, your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Here is the good news: It is not up to us.

God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace, of hope, of mercy, of life.

People

**By God's grace, we are forgiven;
by God's healing, we are made whole;
by God's constant love, we are restored to life.
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.*

Solo

I Danced in the Morning

American Shaker Melody

Text and Arrangement by Sydney Carter (Charles N. Daniels, 1878-1943)

Michael Desnoyers, tenor

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

***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

**Prayers of the
People**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi

**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 Amos 5:24, Luke 19:1-10
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 Elder Lori Yamauchi and Pastor Maggi Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 741** **Guide My Feet**

- 1 **Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**
- 2 **Hold my hand...**
- 3 **Stand by me...**
- 4 **I'm your child...**
- 5 **Search my heart...**
- 6 **Guide my feet...**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

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Honoring Our Food Pantry Leaders, Today

Today, we will recognize and honor Old First's food pantry coordinators Frank Gama and Chris Hallacy. Pastor Maggi notes, "These amazing members of the community stepped up to take this leadership role when our last two coordinators moved. We literally could not have kept going without them!"

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, June 24

And speaking of the Food Pantry... It's not too early to sign up to staff the next Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, June 24, when Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – www.ouldfirst.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 Interfaith Food Pantry at Old First works with the SF Marin Food Bank, whose innovative pantry network is the cornerstone of their outreach. Together with partners like our Interfaith Food Pantry, the Food Bank now coordinates 250 pantries, located in easily accessible locations such as schools, churches, and community-based organizations. For safety reasons, most of them operate outdoors and some even as drive-thru's with the groceries pre-bagged.

A typical weekly pantry offers the participants carrots, potatoes, onions, apples, oranges, and lettuce, along with rice and chicken or eggs. This service brings food directly into the neighborhoods where it is needed the most and caters to populations ranging from families to seniors. As a result, the Food Bank can address the problem of hunger on a grassroots level, involving the greater community in the effort to ensure that no one has to worry about their next meal: Not now, during the pandemic, or tomorrow. For more information, visit www.sfmfoodbank.org/

Pride Parade, June 25

Old First Presbyterian Church will be marching in the Pride parade with the **United in Spirit** contingent on Sunday, June 25, with members of many other houses of worship. There is a motorized cable car for those that may need it. Old First has not marched since 2019, and in these days people of faith need to stand up with all people!

Please let us know that you can join the march: Sign up in the Narthex or at Coffee hour; Sarah Taber has the sign up sheet. For further information visit: <https://unitedinspiritsf.org>

Old First Choir on Summer Break

Old First's choir has recently completed its 2022-2023 season and will now take a well-deserved break from June 4 through September 3. For Sunday worship services during this break, one of the choir's four section leaders – Chelsea Hollow, Kirsten Fleischmann, Mike Desnoyers, Sergey Khalikulov – will be singing compositions for the solo voice. If you have any specific requests for music you'd like to hear in worship, please see Larry Marietta, our music director, at the organ console after worship.

Thinking About Reparations

One way to begin to look at, to work at reparations is to start with the understanding that reparations have seven stages of movement, the Seven R's:

- Remembrance
- Remorse
- Repentance
- Repair
- Reconciliation
- Resurrection
- Rejoice

The Seven R's come from Elona Street Stewart and the Reverend Gregory Bentley, former co-moderators of the PC(USA) General Assembly.

Want to explore local reparations work? Here are two useful links:

- California Reparations Task Force Interim Report 2022
<https://oag.ca.gov/ab3121/reports>
- San Francisco African American Reparations Advisory Committee Website
<https://sf.gov/departments/african-american-reparations-advisory-committee>

Pastor Maggi on Vacation, June 19-25

Pastor Maggi will be on vacation this week; she will return to Old First on Monday, June 26. We are thrilled have our own Reverend Erwin Barron preaching and leading worship next Sunday, June 25.

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 18

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday June 20

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

Saturday June 24

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today! Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: www.oudfirst.org

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

Sunday June 25

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm O1C: Hilda Wong, pianist: Bach's partitas for keyboard in C minor and G major

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 Robeck	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Jarron Carlson	Composer in Residence
Brad Peterson	Office Admin
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