

Old First Presbyterian Church



A Season of Pentecost Sunday, June 25, 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. 1 George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

Randy Smith

Leader All of us have a place at this table:
We all are welcomed here to worship God!
The congregation responds singing the refrain twice.

People Hymn 399 **God welcomes all, strangers and friends.**
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

Leader All of us have a place at this table:
We all are welcomed here to worship God!

***Hymn God, with Joy We Look Around Us**

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Sung to REGENT SQUARE ("Angels from the Realms of Glory"), Hymn 143

- 1 God, with joy we look around us
At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us
And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!
- 2 In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!
- 3 God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Randy Smith

O God, we all try to be good Christians
gathered here to worship you.
But when we look around,
we see so many bad people out there!
We are not like *those* sinners!
Oh, no.
We separate *us* from *them*,
and we know that *we* are better than *them*!
We even proclaim you to be a judgmental God,
one who hates *those* sinners!

But, loving God, when we examine ourselves,
we must confess that this is *our* great sin.
We are quick to judge others
and to criticize the sins in others.
And when we say *we* are not like *them*,
WE ARE WRONG!

Moment of silent reflection on whom we view as "us" versus "them"

O God, we confess that *we are all sinners!*
They are not sinners, we all are!
We all fall short of the good life you prepare for us!
You love us all, O God, and we should do the same!
Forgive our sinful judgment and exclusion.
Forgive us, your sinful people.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader The great good news of the gospel is that no matter what our sin,
People God forgives us!
Leader God's love is boundless, and God loves all God's people: us *and* them!
People We are all forgiven and loved!
Leader God so loved the whole world, that God gave the only Son for *all of us!*
People Thanks be to God! Hallelujah.

***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

Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

***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**

Chris Burt

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

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 Genesis 9:8-17; John 3:16-19; Luke 7:36-50

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 "Love *the Sinner, but Hate the Sin*"

The Reverend Erwin Barron

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 767** Together We Serve

- 1 Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.
- 2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.
- 3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
- 4 Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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**Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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Pride Parade, Today

Missing someone's face today? Several members and friends of Old First Presbyterian Church are marching in the Pride Parade today together with the **United in Spirit** contingent, which consists of volunteers from many San Francisco houses of worship. Happy Pride!

Today's Coffee Hour

Today's coffee hour has been given by Mary Russell in gratitude for Old First's members and staff.

New Banners by Josie Iselin

This Sunday we make the transition from a Season of Pentecost to ordinary time, summer growth, and the traditional liturgical color of green. We celebrate this growth with new banners by San Francisco artist Josie Iselin, which depict a kelp forest. Today during coffee hour we will play PBS videos in Room A illuminating the threatened status of our kelp forests along the California coast.

Josie Iselin is a photographer, author, and designer of many books. Her last few have focused on the world of seaweeds and kelp. Her most recent book, *The Curious World of Seaweed* (Heyday Books, 2019) is the basis for a traveling exhibition of prints by the same name.

Iselin is the co-director of a collaborative known as Above/Below, working to bring the recognition afforded the forests on land to the kelp forests below the ocean's surface. Above/Below will be releasing a web-based, comprehensive, story compendium about bull kelp this fall.

Iselin holds a BA in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard and an MFA from San Francisco State University. She currently teaches in the School of Design at SFSU. For over twenty years, Josie has used her flatbed scanner and computer exclusively for generating imagery. Synthesizing the scientific stories of our coast is her overriding passion, bringing thoughtfulness and stewardship to this extraordinary place of discovery

Old First Choir on Summer Break

Old First's choir recently completed its 2022-2023 season and is now on a well-deserved break 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.

Pastor Maggi on Vacation

Pastor Maggi will be on vacation this week; she will return to the office on Wednesday, June 28.

Recognition Statement that We Gather on Indigenous Lands

Old First Presbyterian Church acknowledges that we live and gather for worship on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original inhabitants of the San Francisco peninsula and an integral and active community in the Bay Area and beyond. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place as well as for all people who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 25

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

Tuesday June 27

7:00 pm Session, On-Line

Saturday July 1

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

Sunday July 2

11:00 am Worship with Guest Preacher Bruce Reyes-Chow

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

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