

Old First Presbyterian Church



Growing Season: Exploring Our Roots Sunday, July 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 Swan
Aria

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)
Flor Peakers (1903-1986)

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

Leader God, you are always revealing a path before us.

People May we be open to the possibilities you present.

Leader God, you beckon our curiosity and encourage our risk-taking.

**People May our imaginations be as expansive and our courage be as bold
as your love is for us. Amen!**

Claudia Garrison

***Hymn 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

- 1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping to be one too.

- 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

- 3 They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Claudia Garrison

Leader As we gather in this place, let us confess those things
that may hold us back from fully experiencing God this day.

People **God of all time,**
of history, of things present, and of things to come,
we confess our own abandonment
of the mission you have given us.
We have squandered time,
separating us from one another.
Like the disciples, we look to the sky for Jesus,
instead of in the faces of the least of these among us.
Forgive us, O God, and make us whole again.

**Reignite a holy passion within us,
that we may fulfill your charge
to be witnesses of your grace and glory. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ,
hear the good news that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
you are forgiven and made new.
Be at peace with yourself and all you meet.
And all God's people say...

People 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

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**

Lori Yamauchi

Prayer Partners Tanner and Julia Highlen, Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar, Camryn Hollarsmith,
Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith, Roseanne Hoo

**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 Matthew 14:22-33, Exodus 36:2-7

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 More Than Enough

The Reverend Bruce Reyes Chow

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us to witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service;
"in my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

- 3 Lord, you make the common holy;
"This, my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the

Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and. Amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata
1986)

Flor Peekers (1903-

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on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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Today's Guest Preacher Bruce Reyes Chow

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow. Mr. Reyes-Chow is an active speaker and writer on topics of faith, culture, race, and technology. He is the host of the podcast, BRC & Friends, and the author of five books. His latest is, *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World* (Chalice Press, 2021) and his next book, *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* (Broadleaf Books) will be released on March 4, 2024.

Bruce is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), has pastored five churches, was Moderator of the 218th General Assembly, and has been active in local politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for nearly three decades. He is also a Senior Consultant and Coach with Convergence, a Gallup-Certified CliftonStrengths Coach, and serves on the board of More Light Presbyterians. Bruce is a writer, blogger, and visionary. Check out his website at <https://reyes-chow.com>

Today's Coffee Hour

Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi have given today's coffee hour in Honor of two wonderful women of faith, the Reverend Glenda Hope and RoseMarie Springer.

Memorial Service for Jack Rozzell, July 15

Old First member Jack Rozzell died in May of this year. Old First will hold a memorial service for Jack on Saturday, July 15, at 1:00 pm.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, July 22

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on Saturday, July 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

New Banners by Josie Iselin

As we move through ordinary time and summer, we celebrate God's gift of life and growth with new banners by San Francisco artist Josie Iselin, which depict a kelp forest.

Josie Iselin is a photographer, author, and designer of many books. Her last few have focused on the world of seaweed 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.

This Week at Old First

Sunday July 9

- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday July 15

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!
Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: www.oldfirst.org
- 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Jack Rozzell, Sanctuary

Sunday July 16

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

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