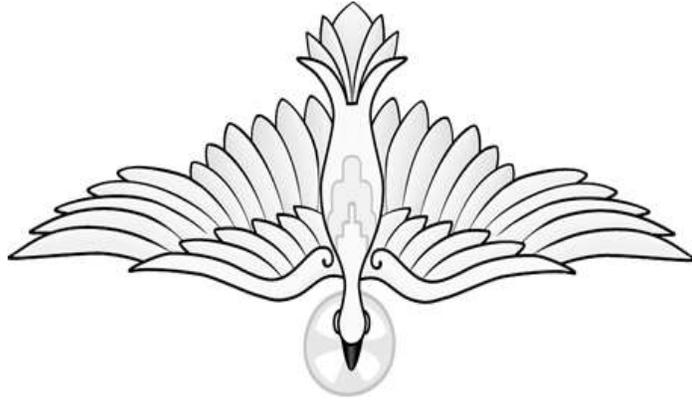


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Eastertide**  
**April 28, 2024**

## Worship Through Praising God

*Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.*

*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** Melody in G-minor York Bowen (1884-1961)

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** Ken Medema (born 1943)

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**\*Call to Worship** Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

**Leader** We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,  
who calls us each by name,

**People** **who restores our souls,  
who leads us in the way of righteousness,  
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.**

**All** **This is the God we have come to worship!**

**\*Hymn 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

- 1 My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows: your oil anoints my head.
- 3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths,  
you lead us in the ways of righteousness,  
but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed,  
and at times even hate, to direct our paths.  
We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share,  
we have despised others that seem to have it all.  
Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep,  
and that you are our Shepherd.  
Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice  
and instead have acted in the ways of the world.  
Guide us back to your path,  
to loving you and loving our neighbors.  
We often do not listen for your voice  
and convince ourselves that our ideas are yours.  
Forgive us, God, for not following your ways,  
for taking the easiest option for us  
not the right one that cares for all your sheep.  
Help us to unclench our fists  
and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.  
In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
The Good Shepherd knows the sheep.  
And the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep  
so that the sheep may live.

People

We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body.  
In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.

**\*Sung Assurance**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Latin, 8<sup>th</sup> Century

English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

**Offering**

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right.*



**Anthem**

John Rutter (born 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me:  
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

**\*Doxology**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**Time with  
Our Children**

**\*The Peace**

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

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Prayers of  
the People**

Sarah Taber

Prayer Partners Claudia Garrison, David Griffith and Joe Sheffey, Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch, Soodeh Hedayati, Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar

**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**

**Psalm 23**

Leader The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

People **You make me lie down in green pastures;  
you lead me beside still waters;  
you restore my soul.**

Leader You lead me in right paths  
for your name's sake.

People **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

Scripture John 10:11-18 (pp. 97-98)

**Sung Response Return to You**

*We sing the response once.*

**I have a wand'ring heart, and a fickle faith.  
Can you find me here, can I see your face?  
Help me return to you, help me return to you.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship Through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn 541 God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.
- 2 God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.
- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.
- 4 God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Special  
Congregational  
Meeting**

The motion for approval is this: Amend the Bylaws of the Old First Presbyterian Church Corporation, Section 3.12, to read as follows (deletions are noted in ~~strikeout~~, and additions are noted in underline):

*"The Session shall annually elect ~~from its members~~ a President of the Corporation, who shall be an elder. The President shall execute contracts and agreements authorized by the Session and shall perform any and all other duties which the Session shall from time to time prescribe for that office. The President shall be the chief executive officer for purposes of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law."*

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

SICILIAN MARINERS, 18<sup>th</sup> Century

God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Attributed to John Fawcett (1739-1817), Altered

**Postlude** Postlude in G-major, Opus 101, No. 5

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.*

*Please join us for coffee hour in the fellowship hall downstairs.*

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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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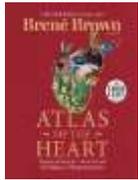
**Today’s Liturgy**

The prayer of confession and assurance are inspired by liturgy by the Reverend Mindi Welton-Mitchell, an American Baptist minister.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck, Next Sunday, May 5**

To begin observing Old First Presbyterian Church’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we will hold a potluck luncheon next Sunday after worship. Plan to bring a dish to share. If you need suggestions on what to bring, check with Mary Russell.

**Next Book Discussion Session, May 6**



The fourth session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown’s *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart* will take place via Zoom on Monday, May 6, at 7:00 pm. At this session we’ll cover Chapter 4, “Places We Go When It’s Beyond Us: Awe, Wonder, Confusion, Curiosity Interest and Surprise.” Please let Maggi, know if you plan to attend. Below is the Zoom link to the Monday night sessions. The link can also be found in Maggi’s weekly E-mail on Saturdays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 18**

Members of Old First and St Luke’s combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, May 18. Mark your calendars now. To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday April 28**

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Friday May 3**

8:00 pm O1C: Duo HaLo “Imaginary Folksongs for Saxophone and Piano,”  
Andrew Harrison, saxophone, Jason Lo, piano

**Saturday May 4**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday May 5**

11:00 am Worship

After Worship 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck, Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century music for strings and piano

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Monday May 6**

7:00 pm Book Discussion, On Line