

# Old First Presbyterian Church



Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
On Our Corner, in Our City, And in the World

**The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor**  
**The Presbyterian Church (USA)**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

## Worship through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and  
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

*Ushers have hearing aids for our sound system.*

*Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Sœur Monique	François Couperin (1669-1733)
	Suite for a Musical Clock	Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) Arranged by E. Power Biggs

### Welcome & Church Life

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<b>Introit</b>	O Sing unto the Lord	Joseph Martin
	O sing unto the Lord a new song, Serve the Lord with gladness, And come into God's presence with a song, Alleluia! Praise the Lord!	

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Leader Listen to the Good News:  
God is with us, this day and every day.

People **Because God is with us,  
we can face each day with courage.  
We can find some good in everything,  
for we not completely alone.**

Leader God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle,  
sometimes, pulsing spurts,  
and sometimes, a mighty flood.

People **We worship you, O God, for your goodness.  
We praise you with our songs.  
We seek you in our prayers.  
We offer ourselves to you because you our creator.**

**\*Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee**

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of Glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee;  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

There are so many things, Wise God,  
which keep us from following Jesus.

We try to turn justice into a bitter pill for others.

We push righteousness out of the way,  
so we can seek those who tell lies.

We know, deep down inside,  
the one thing which keeps us from faithful living,  
but just can't loosen our grip on it.

We say we seek the best for others  
but all too often it is  
our own fulfillment, our own way we seek  
masked in concern for the other.

We all too often see things in yes or no,  
right or wrong, my way or no way,  
and don't seek what may be best for the other.

In truth, we should be seeking  
what may help others thrive, what will be best for them.  
In truth, we should be listening deeply and not be trying  
to get out our own words.

Oh Lord, help us.

*Silence is kept.*

We can't seem to do what you desire,  
O God who remembers us,  
but because everything is possible with you,  
give us the wisdom to know you desire;  
the grace to let go and to leave our own agendas behind us;  
and the courage to follow Jesus  
wherever he might lead us,  
especially into that life which you offer in love and hope.  
Amen.

**Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Here at the seat of grace, we are forgiven,  
and can climb to find the love of God  
comforting and restoring us to new life.

People

Every moment, God offers us a serving of love and mercy,  
so we can continue to live as God intends.  
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven!

**Solo** Wedding Song Paul Stookey (member of “Peter,  
Paul and Mary,” born 1937)  
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts;  
Rest assured, this troubadour is acting on His part  
The union of your spirits here has caused Him to remain  
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name  
there is love.

Well a man shall leave his mother and a woman leave her home;  
They shall travel on to where the two shall be as one;  
As it was in the beginning is now and 'til the end  
Woman draws her life from man and gives it back again, and  
there is love.

Well then what's to be the reason for becoming man and wife?  
Is it love that brings you here or love that brings you life?  
Or if loving is the answer, then who's the giving for?  
Do you believe in something that you've never seen before?  
Oh, there's love.

Oh the marriage of your spirits here has caused Him to remain  
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name  
there is love.  
Oh, there's love.

**The Peace**

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

<b>Worship through Hearing God’s Word</b>
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**Time with Our Children** Pastor Henderson

**Prayers of the People** AnnieScott Rogers

Prayer Partners Dana Nojima and Elaine Lyford Nojima, Chuck and Emily Olson,  
Karyn Payne, Daniel Pearch, Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps

**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** Mark 10:1-12

**Leader** This is the word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

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<b>Worship through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 772** Live into Hope

- 1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
Th'oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!
- 2 Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.
- 3 Live into hope of liberty  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's words and thus be fed.
- 4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

*Please follow the pastor outside and greet one another in the open air.*

*Remember to fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.*

*You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church.*

**Old First On-Line**

You can find Old First on-line at [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org), on **Facebook**, and on our **YouTube** channel. You can always make your offering on-line at <https://donations.oldfirst.org>

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry**

Old First will be staffing the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, **October 23**. Mark your calendar and plan to sign up.

To sign up to staff the Food Pantry follow the link on Old First's homepage - [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) - and bring your proof of vaccination to the pantry.

**Racial Healing Discussion Series, Today thru November 14**

The Racial Justice Task Force for Old First will be holding a six-week discussion series on racial healing, using the resource, "What Lies Between Us: Fostering First Steps Toward Racial Healing" from October 10 through November 14.

The series will involve an examination of our beliefs, through reflecting, rethinking and reaching beyond where we are now on race, racism, racial healing and restoration. The meetings will be held in-person in the Fellowship Hall from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** each Sunday from October 10 through November 14.

Depending on the level of interest, we may offer a second section during the week by Zoom. Please join us for this series. For further information, please contact Lori Yamauchi at [Lori@oldfirst.org](mailto:Lori@oldfirst.org) or after worship (outside the church building in the open air).

**Mission Now: Evening of Action & Education for Immigrants' Lives, October 13**

Please join the Old First Mission Committee via Zoom on Wednesday, **October 13** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**, for an evening to learn about some of the current immigration crises, to take immediate action, and to learn about opportunities for ongoing support. We will discuss and take action for Unaccompanied Minors and Afghan Refugees. Invite a friend or family member who is also concerned.

The Zoom invitation will be sent shortly. Sign up for Old First's E-mail notices on our website: [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org). And for more information, contact Eva DeLair: [eva@oldfirst.org](mailto:eva@oldfirst.org).

**Remembering the Saints**

On **October 31**, the Sunday before All Saints' Day, we will observe World Communion Sunday, gather our Peace & Global Witness Offering, and also remember the saints who have died since last All Saints' Day in 2020. If there are people you'd like Old First to remember, please fill out the form included in today's bulletin or send an E-mail to Brad, our church office administrator, with the following information:

- the name of the saints you wish to remember,
- your relationship to them, and
- the date they died.

Please send your E-mail to Brad – [brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org) – no later than Monday, October 25.

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