

Old First Presbyterian Church



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

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.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude	Chorale Prelude on NICAEA	Healy Willan (1880-1968)
	<i>Quatre Pièces pour orgue</i> , Opus 37, No. 4 <i>Choral</i>	Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
Welcome and Church Life		The Reverend Erwin Barron
Introit		Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
	O come let us sing unto God. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Sing and rejoice!	From Psalm 95

***Call to
Worship**

Sam Cheng

Leader We come to this place to worship the almighty God.
People **Holy, Holy, Holy!**
Leader We see God in the grandeur of soaring ceilings and glowing stained glass.
People **Holy, Holy, Holy!**
Leader We hear God in the quiet retreat and beautiful music.
People **Holy, Holy, Holy!**
Leader We feel God's presence in the love of people around us.
People **Holy, Holy, Holy!**
All **Let us worship Holy God.**

***Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

NICAEA

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sam Cheng

Oh God of the universe.
You are mighty, glorious, eternal and almighty,
beyond the reality of our lives.
We feel removed from you and awe-struck.
We react to you in fear and astonishment.

We sometimes we treat you like our friend,
walking beside us and patting us on the back.
We don't expect you to guide or judge or rebuke us.
You are our buddy!

Close by? Far away?
Who are you God?
Why can we not fully know you?
Silence is kept.

Forgive our inability to understand.
You are our friend, and you are awe-inspiring.
Forgive our lack of understanding.
Forgive our fear.
Forgive our anxiety about you.
Help us know you in all the ways that you are. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Our God is beyond all imagining: Almighty, all-knowing, everlasting!
But that same God loves us and is by our side and always forgives us.

People Thanks be to God for God's divine love and forgiveness.

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with Our
Children**

**Prayers of the
People**

Lori Yamauchi

Prayer Partners Stephen and Sarah Taber, Hugh Thacher, Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien
Chuang, Stephen and Betty Voris, Jian Wang

Scripture Revelation 4:1-11
Isaiah 6:1-10

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.

Offertory *Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*

In the Year King Uzziah Died David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim:
each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he
covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and
said,

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house
was filled with smoke.

Then said I,

Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:
for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said,

Lo, this hath touched thy lips;
and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I,
Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:1-8

Sermon "The Great and Powerful Oz"

The Reverend Erwin Barron

Worship Through Holy Communion

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving.

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.**

The Lord's Supper *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
Simply follow the directions of the pastor.*

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 69** **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

1 **I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love to them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love a lone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

***Charge and
Benediction**

You may also place your offering in the basket as you leave the church or may make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First's on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: www.oldfirst.org.

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

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On the Cover

Giovanni Battista **Tiepolo** (1696–1770): Ceiling fresco, 200 x 250 cm, in the *Sala Rossa* (or *Sala del Tribunale*) of the Patriarchal Palace, Udine, Italy, painted 1724-29. Image in public domain.

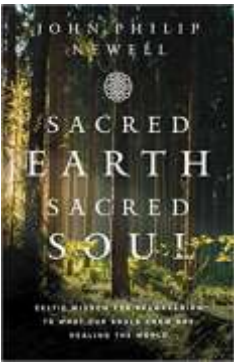
The fresco depicts the moment when an angel – using tongs – brings a burning coal to the lips of the prophet to forgive his guilt, atone for his sin, and prepare him for his mission (Isaiah 6:6-7).

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 pm



Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2. Our worship service at Old First will start at 7:00 pm – both in-person and live-streamed. We will be joined by our neighbors, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, whose rector, the Reverend Jason Cox will be our preacher for the evening.

Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul
Book Study for Lent



During Lent, Old First will read and discuss *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* by John Philip Newell. Copies of the book are also available for \$20 at the church.

In-Person

We’ll hold the first session of the **in-person series** next **Sunday, March 6**. The session will start in the Fellowship Hall thirty minutes after the end of worship. Before the session, please read the Introduction and Chapter 1, and watch the recording of Newell’s presentation at First Pres’ San Rafael. (See below.)

Remember to bring your vaccination card and also your lunch. Beverages will be supplied. **If you like, you, you can store your lunch in the church fridge until the class starts – or you can easily get food to-go on Polk Street.**

To sign up, E-mail learning@oldfirst.org.

On-Line?

If there’s interest, a parallel **on-line series** could be held via **Zoom** on a weekday. If you’d like an on-line series, **send an E-mail by this Wednesday, March 2**, to learning@oldfirst.org.

John Philip Newell
Recorded at First Pres San Rafael



John Philip Newell made a rare appearance at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael and the event was video recorded. The recording is **now available for viewing** on First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael’s YouTube channel. Pastor Maggi reports that the presentation was super!

Simply search for “First Presbyterian Church San Rafael, CA” on YouTube or use this URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GN7W9gWAvAA>