

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 19, 2022

**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 It Is Well with My Soul Philip Bliss (1838-1876)
Arranged by Herbert Colvin (1923-2011)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness William M. Runyan (1870-1957)
Arranged by Dan Miller (born 1954)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

***Call to
Worship**

Leader Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you.
People We come, hungry for your Word to bless us.
Leader Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.
People We come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.
Leader Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you.
People We come, eager to rest in your peace.

Randy Smith

***Hymn 42 Your Faithfulness, O Lord is Sure**

- 1 Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls
and well provide for all our needs.
- 2 The eyes of all are fixed on you;
by you their wants are all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful
and every soul is satisfied.
- 3 Lord, you are just in all your ways,
and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear
and help all those who call on you.
- 4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord;
my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song
of praise, from age to age the same.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Randy Smith

We are at our wits' end, O God, as we try to live each day.
We could confront the angry voices around us with peace and grace,
but our courage melts away.
We could see you at work in those who care for the vulnerable,
but we let our fears of those whom we don't understand
wash our faith away.
We see your grace drawing close to us and we cry out, 'no further!'
Because of such lives, it is tempting to blame you, Holy One,
and think you are asleep at your post.

Silence is kept.

But you are the God who tells the storms of temptation to 'shush!'
You are the God whose love is not just now and then,
but is offered to us in every moment.
You are the God who – in Jesus Christ – comes to us in order
to comfort us, to encourage us, and to cradle us in your peace. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

While we may believe
that God does not always have the time for us,
there is never a moment that God is not listening,
forgiving and restoring us to grace-filled lives.

People

**This is indeed the acceptable time
to recognize, to accept and to live out the reality
that we are redeemed by our God.
Thanks be to God!**

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Dale Wood (1934-2003)
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

O Hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only Joy be Thou,
As Thou our Prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our Glory now,
And through eternity.

12th Century Latin Hymn, Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
Translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

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**

Tom Culp

Prayer Partners

J. Herbert Nelson (Stated Clerk of the PC-USA), Bryan Nichols and Robin Currier, Dana Nojima and Elaine Lyford Nojima, Chuck and Emily Olson

**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 22
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

The Reverend Marci Glass
Pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal**

- 1 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
- 2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
- 3 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata in d-minor

Josef Seger (1716-1782)

You may 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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Today's Guest Preacher Marci Glass

Our pastor, Maggi Henderson, is out sick this morning. She thanks her colleague and our neighbor, the Reverend Marci Glass, the pastor and head of staff at Calvary Presbyterian Church for filling in today leading worship and preaching for us. Welcome, Marci!

Memorial Service for Lorraine Bellesi, Today

Later today, we will gather to remember Lorraine Bellesi, who died this past March. We will meet in the church at 2:00 pm. Bring your favorite memories as, with family and friends, we give thanks for Lorraine's life.

We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, June 25

Okay. We're begging: Without you, Old First won't have enough volunteers to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry this coming Saturday, June 25.

But you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. The pantry coordinators will thank you! The clients will thank you. You'll have fun. You'll be part of the solution to food insecurity in our neighborhood. For more information, check with Pastor Maggi, Sally Spencer or John Kramar. They will thank you.

Holy Communion, June 26

Next Sunday, June 26, Old First will celebrate Holy Communion and also bless our pastor, Maggi Henderson, as she begins her sabbatical. Whether you join us in person or on line, prepare yourself for the Lord's Supper at this important time in our church's life together.

Pastor Henderson's Sabbatical: July through October 2022

One part of Pastor Maggi's "terms of call" is the provision for a sabbatical every four years of service. Because of the pandemic, Maggi delayed the sabbatical she should have been in 2020. She is very excited to begin it this summer. This will be a time of retreat, renewal, and revitalization. In preparation for her sabbatical, the session, the worship committee and Maggi have been planning and dreaming for the days ahead. The time will mean rest and renewal for Maggi and revitalization for the church too.

Maggi says, "During my last sabbatical, I was impressed how Old First discovered anew that they are the priesthood of all believers and that everyone one has a part to play." Deacons and elders will take the lead doing much of the care for our community and three local pastors will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

Maggi's last Sunday with us before her sabbatical is next Sunday, June 26. She will be back in the pulpit at Old First again on November 6.

AV Streaming Crew Volunteers Needed

Would you like to try your hand at livestreaming our Sunday worship services? We're looking for volunteers to become part of our AV Streaming Crew that livestreams our worship services on-line. You don't have to have experience – we didn't! We'll provide you with all the training and detailed instructions you need. You'll be part of a team that will share the Sundays so everyone takes a part and no one gets overwhelmed.

E-mail us today and let us know you'd like to try it. We're looking forward to working with you!

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