

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 4, 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	<i>Le Tombeau de Couperin</i>	Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)
Welcome and Church Life		Lori Yamauchi
*Call to Worship		Sidney Hollar
Leader	Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.	
People	We praise you!	
Leader	Jesus the builder, you shape our hearts with loving hands and steady eye	
People	We thank you!	
Leader	Holy Spirit, breath of new creation, you continually fashion us anew.	
People	We open ourselves to your shaping hands. Transform us by your grace into works of art.	
*Hymn 409	God is Here	
1	God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.	

- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome, in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Prayer of
Confession

Sidney Hollar

Great Potter God,
we confess that we have minds of our own.
Too often we shape our lives in ways that are
not as you have intended.

Silence is kept.

When we become distorted,
re-shape us according to your delight.
Lay your strong and gentle hands upon us,
and transform us by your grace. Amen.

Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader Creator God, you are the potter; we are the clay.
People **We thank you, God, for we are wondrously made.**
Leader You are the beauty that draws us into life.
People **Like a master potter, you continually re-shape us into works of art.**
All **Thanks be to God!**

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

Solo From the opera *Diomedes* Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749)
Jarron Carlson, bass

Draw near to us! Thee would we follow!
Where-ever Thou shalt lead us, Lord,
Our minds and hearts are stayed on Thee.

Though storms arise, Thou art beside us,
No darkness can dispel Thy light,
Through Thee alone our eyes will see.

In Thee we dwell, Our guide and Sovereign,
Though raging storms surge all around us,
Our joy and shelter Thou shalt be.

- 2 **Come! Open your heart!**
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.
- 3 **Sing! Sing a new song!**
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

***Charge and
 Benediction**

Postlude Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Today's Guest Preacher: Jeanne Choy Tate

Our guest preacher today is Jeanne Choy Tate. Dr. Tate is an author, early childhood educator, multicultural curriculum developer, and lay pastor.

After eighteen years as members of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown, Jeanne Choy Tate and Buddy Tate Choy (along with then baby Jamie) crossed over Nob Hill to become members of Old First. While a member of Old First, Jeannie became a Commissioned Pastor at Noe Valley Ministry, where she is now a member. Buddy has retained his Old First membership. After many years working in bilingual/bicultural childcare, Jeannie received a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She later published her thesis as a book, *Something Greater: Culture, Family and Community as Living Story*. Today she continues to work for racial justice in the West Bay Region of Presbytery.

Today's Musicians: Sam Cheng, Jarron Carlson

Today we welcome Sam Cheng as our guest organist and Jarron Carlson, bass, as our soloist.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs

For the next two Sundays our guest preacher will be the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. Dr. Reyes-Gibbs has just finished a three-year transitional/interim position with New Bridges, Hayward, after retiring in 2017 from her first call lasting nineteen years with Bethel Community Church, San Leandro. Not embracing retirement well, she continues to serve as a consultant with churches focused on transformation and with other presbyteries addressing ethnic concerns.

Before ordained ministry, Sarah served the Stockton Unified School District as an elementary and high school teacher for eight years, as a coordinator for a Drug Free School Zone at Edison High School, Stockton, and before that as a legislative assistant with the California legislature twenty years.

In addition to raising four children, Sarah also earned a bachelor at the age of 40, received her Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis on administration, received her Master of Divinity at age 50, and received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on parish redevelopment at age 60. Pastor Sarah's perspective on life and faith is shaped by her trust in God and her experience as a Filipina-American, pastor, wife, mother of four, *lola* (Filipino for grandmother) of fifteen, and much more!

This Week at Old First

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| Sunday | September |
| 4:00 pm | Old First Concerts: Mike Greensill Concert |
| 7:15 pm | Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall |
| Monday | September 5, Labor Day |
| | Church Office Closed |
| Saturday | September 10 |
| 9:00 am | Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk |
| Sunday | September 11 |
| 11:00 am | Worship |
| 1:00 pm | Board of Deacons, On-Line |
| 7:15 pm | Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall |

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

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