

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 2, 2022 World Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offering

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 El Flautista Alegre Ramón Noble (1925-1999)

Prelude on TOKYO ("Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather," Hymn 311)
Melody by Isao Koizumi (1907-1992)
Arranged by Philip Jones (1928-2000)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Mary Russell

Introit

S.C. Molefe (1921-1983)
Transcribed David Dargie (born 1938)

Masiti! Amen siakudumisa! *Sing praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God!*
Masiti! Amen siakudumisa! *Sing praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God!*
Masiti! Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo. *Sing praises! Amen, amen. Amen, amen.*
Masiti! Amen siakudumisa! *Sing praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God*

***Call to
Worship**

Randy Smith

Leader Thanks be to you, O God, that we have been given this new day!
People **For life itself; for breath to breathe!**
Leader For this temporary “rest stop,”
People **For the gathering of community for nourishment of our spiritual lives!**
Leader Kindle the flames of your love in us.
People **Let minds unwind, hearts be still, bodies relax!**
All **Let us worship God! Amen!**

***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**

Randy Smith

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence is kept.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died and rose for us.

People **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People **Amen.**

***Gloria**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem.*

Anthem

Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)

Ernani Aguiar (born 1950)

Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius;	<i>Praise the Lord in his sacred places.</i>
Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius.	<i>Praise him in the firmament of his power.</i>
Laudate eum in virtutibus eius:	<i>Praise him for his mighty acts.</i>
Laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis eius.	<i>Praise him for his excellent greatness.</i>
Laudate eum in sono tubae:	<i>Praise him with the sound of the trumpet.</i>
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.	<i>Praise him with the psaltery and harp.</i>
Laudate eum in timpano et choro:	<i>Praise him with the timbrel and the dance.</i>
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.	<i>Praise him with strings and pipes.</i>
Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:	<i>Praise him with high-sounding cymbals.</i>
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.	<i>Praise him with cymbals of joy.</i>
Omnis spiritus laudete Dominum.	<i>Let everything with breath praise the Lord.</i>
Alleluia!	<i>Alleluia!</i>

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET by John Hatton (1710-1793)

Arranged Hal Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Peace**

We remain at our places for the peace.

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture	Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10
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.
Sermon	A Simple Request The Reverend Arlene Gordon

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to
the Lord's
Table**

Communion Come to the Table of Grace

Song *Please use Hymn 507 to focus your mind and heart on communion.*

We sing Verse 1:

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table. It's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

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 God thanks and praise.

Leader God, our Creator, it is truly right to give you thanks...

Therefore, remembering Christ's sacrifice with thankful hearts, we offer ourselves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

**People We do this, remembering Christ's death,
proclaiming Christ's resurrection,
and awaiting Christ's coming in glory.**

Leader Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

**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 Words of
Institution**

The Bread and the Cup *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
Simply follow the directions of the leaders.*

**Prayer after
Communion**

Leader Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament!
Send us forth with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord!

People **We who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread!**
Amen! 1 Corinthians 10:17

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 318 In Christ There Is No East or West**

- 1 **In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 **In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
this service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**
- 3 **Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**
- 4 **In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Swee Hong Lim (born 1963)

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Aaronic Blessing, Numbers 6:24-26

Maria Ling (born 1961)

Postlude Tico-Tico No Fubá

Zequinha Abreu (1880-1935)

Aloysio de Oliveira (1914-1995)

Ervin Drake (1919-2015)

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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: Arlene W. Gordon

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Arlene W. Gordon, DMin. Dr. Gordon is an honorably retired minister of word and sacrament (teaching elder) in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Arlene retired as the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida in 2010. Upon retirement, she continued to serve the church as a parish associate at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami until her return to the Bay Area. She recently completed eight years as a director for the Board of Pensions. She has served as pulpit supply and bridge pastor for many congregations, as interim executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Detroit, and as an associate at the office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

Arlene was ordained as associate pastor at Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church, Richmond, California, and is currently a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco. She received her Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

Today's Music

As today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, so this morning's music celebrates a global heritage: El Flautista Alegre (Mexico); Prelude on TOKYO (Japan); Masiti! Amen siakudumisa! (South Africa); Joyful, Joyful (Germany); Glory to God (France); Salmo 150 (Latin America); Come to the Table of Grace (United States); In Christ There Is No East or West (England); May the Love of the Lord (China); Tico-Tico No Fubá (Brazil)

Ordination of Samual Lundquist, October 9

Former Old First pastoral resident Samual Lundquist will be ordained a minister of word and sacrament by the Presbytery of San Francisco on Sunday, October 9, 3:00 pm at St John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake Street at Arguello Boulevard in San Francisco. At the same time Sam will also be installed as an associate pastor at St John's. Old First got to know Sam, when he led worship, preached, served and enlivened Old First from 2019 to 2020.

This Week at Old First

- Sunday October 2, World Communion Sunday**
4:00 pm O1C: Jason Chiu, piano
7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
- Tuesday October 4**
7:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line
- Friday October 7**
8:00 pm O1C: Story and Song: New Short Operas and Other Delights
- Saturday October 8**
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk
- Sunday October 9**
11:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Ordination of Samual Lundquist, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake Street, SF
4:00 pm O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble
7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
- Monday October 10**
6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting, On-Line

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