

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide April 16, 2023

### Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

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

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

**Prelude** Come Sunday

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Anonymous

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**Introit** There Is a Balm in Gilead Arranged by Melva Wilson Costen (born 1933)  
Sergey Khalikulov, bass-baritone

**\*Call to Worship** Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader When flowers bloom in the desert and super-blooms burst forth,  
Christ is risen!

**People Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader When enemies sit around tables and talk about peace,  
Christ is risen!

**People Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader When people stand up for what is right in the face of evil,  
Christ is risen!

**People Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader When, despite hardship and struggle, people sing and dance,  
Christ is risen!

**People Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader When prison bars are shattered by the cry of "Freedom!"  
Christ is risen!

**People Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader When in our wounded and broken world, life triumphs over death,  
peace over war, hope over fear, freedom over captivity, love over hate,  
Christ is risen!

**People Christ is risen indeed.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*Hymn 249 Because you Live, O Christ**

1 Because you live, O Christ,  
the garden of the world has come to flower;  
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.

**Refrain The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!  
O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen,  
has risen, has risen, has risen!**

2 Because you live, O Christ,  
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;  
our cages of despair no longer keep us close and life-denying.

3 Because you live, O Christ,  
the rainbow of your peace will span creation;  
the colors of your love will draw all humankind do adoration.

**Prayer of Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Almighty God, through the rising of your son from the grave,  
you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die.  
Yet even as you open this new way for us,  
we find ourselves too often drawn to the old ways.  
We too often forget to love you with all that we are.  
We too rarely love either our neighbors or ourselves.

God of Easter glory, as we celebrate this triumph,  
 help us to make it the model for our living.  
 Help us to identify all in us that should rightly die:  
 Redundant relationships, tired habits, fruitless longings.  
 Resurrect in us faith, hope, and love  
 as surely as you have raised Jesus Christ from the grave. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
 Forgiveness**

Leader The good news is that our worst act, our meanest word, our selfishness  
 will never be the thing that defines us.

For, through God's love, hope is still alive, change is ever possible.

**People**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**  
**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn 583**

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 now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using  
 the kiosk in the narthex.*

**Anthem**

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Bazel Androzzo (1912-2001)  
 Sergey Khalikulov, bass-baritone

**\*Hymn 609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God in Jesus fully known:**  
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Time with Our  
 Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Hymn Sing**

*Choose an Easter hymn to sing. See Glory to God, Hymns 229 through 257.*

<b>Worship Through An Eastertide Communion</b>
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**Invitation to the  
 Lord's Table**

Leader On this resurrection morning, fresh from the garden,

People **Jesus bids us to dine with him.**

Leader On this resurrection morning, though we are still unsure of who he is,

People **Jesus bids us to dine with him.**

Leader On this resurrection morning, though we know how easily we falter in our faith,

People **Jesus bids us to dine with him.**

**Prayer of  
Thanksgiving  
and Intercession**

**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.**

**Breaking and  
Sharing**

*The bread is broken.  
All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Simply follow the directions of the leaders.  
The communion trays have wine and grape juice.  
The inner clear cups hold wine. The outer purple cups hold grape juice.*

**Prayer after  
Communion**

**Lord Jesus, we have feasted on the bread of life.  
We have quenched our thirst with the wine of your new kingdom.  
In your risen power,  
you have united us with all our loved ones in heaven and on earth.  
May that sense of communion  
strengthen and renew us, bring us hope and joy  
today and in the days to come.  
To you Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,  
be glory here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 517**

**Here, O Our Lord, We See You**

- 1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.  
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all our weariness upon you lean.**
- 2 Here would we feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;  
here would we lay aside each earthly lack,  
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
his is the heavenly table for us spread.  
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong  
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**

- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
the bread and wine removed, but you are here,  
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bless and love.

*Today we install new officers.*

*Deacons: Claudia Garrison, Emily Olson (Class of 2026)*

*The constitutional questions are asked of those to be installed. Then these questions are asked of the people.*

### **To the People**

An Elder Do we, the members of the church, accept Claudia and Emily as deacons,  
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way  
of Jesus Christ?

**People We do.**

An Elder Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,  
and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the  
Church?

**People We do.**

### **Prayer of Installation**

**Statement** You are now deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this  
congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name  
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**People Amen.**

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** Toccata in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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**One Great Hour of Sharing**

On Easter Sunday we received our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. However, you can still make your offering either by bringing your loose coins and fish-boxes to church or by donating electronically at the kiosk in the narthex or on-line. For on-line giving, simply visit Old First's donation page: <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>

**Today's Communion Liturgy**

Today's communion liturgy was composed by Liz Crumlish of Wild Good Publications, the publish house of the Iona Community in Scotland.

**Memorial Service for Josephine Yee, April 22**

Old First member Josephine Yee died in February of this year. Old First will hold a memorial service for her on Saturday, April 22, at 1:00 pm.

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, April 22**

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, April 22, when Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. Or go directly to the sign-up page: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation> The pantry coordinators will thank you! For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, April 22**

We believe in a life changed by grace and in celebration of this new life we share our gratitude, our hope, by serving others. The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner this month falls on Saturday, April 22. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: [4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

**Pickin' on the Polk: Bluegrass on Polk Street, April 22**

“Pickin’ on the Polk” is the free Bluegrass Show in the Discover Polk Community Benefit District (CBD) to be held on Earth Day, April 22.

That day the Discover Polk CBD will temporarily transform Polk Street into free, 11-hour bluegrass (and more) festival featuring renowned artists playing throughout the neighborhood. The outdoor “Bandwagon Stage” will begin at 12:00 noon and end at 6:00 pm featuring five different acts. The CBD is also partnering with the Aquarium of the Bay to provide conservation education for children and families during the daytime performances. Saturday evening continues with 15 more bands “taking over” the local watering holes up and down Polk Street.

A temporary street closure will take place on Polk Street between Pacific and Jackson.

All shows are 100% free to the public, though some will be 21+ due to alcoholic beverage service.

**Coffee Hour Sponsorship**

Looking for a gift for loved ones or friends at Old First? Why not sponsor our coffee hour in their honor? It's only fifty dollars. The sign up sheet has returned to the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. We'll include your dedication in that Sunday's bulletin.

### Inquirer and Membership Classes

Want to know more about Old First? Curious about the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Wondering about joining the church? If so, Pastor Maggi would like to talk with you: She's thinking about holding Inquirer and Membership Classes for folks interested in life and membership at Old First Presbyterian Church. Speak with her at coffee hour, call her at the church office, or send her an E-mail: [maggi@oldfirst.org](mailto:maggi@oldfirst.org)

### New Key-Cards System, May 3

Thank you for your long patience! The new system of key-cards for the Sacramento Street door and the door to the inside stairwell will finally come on-line on Wednesday, May 3.

Our current key-cards will continue to open these doors until Monday, May 1. The new system will be installed on Tuesday, and **new key-cards will be needed beginning Wednesday, May 3.**

In anticipation of this change, new key-cards are being prepared. The new key-cards will be available at coffee hour on Sunday, April 30: In an envelope with your name on it, you will find your new key-card and a key-holder agreement to fill out and sign that day.

If you will not be at worship on Sunday, April 30, please plan to stop by the church office during the first week of May to pick up your new key-card. If you cannot visit the church during office hours, please make arrangements to have your key-cards mailed to you by contacting Brad Peterson in the church office: 415-776-5552 ext. 301 or [brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org)

### This Week at Old First

- Sunday April 16, Second Sunday of Easter**  
2:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting, On-Line  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday April 18**  
7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line
- Friday April 19**  
8:00 pm O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble, Concert #1
- Saturday April 22**  
9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry  
1:00 pm Josephine Yee Memorial Service  
5:15 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday April 23, Third Sunday of Easter**  
11:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble, Concert #2  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

### Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor  
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate  
The Reverend Lisa Robecheck Parish Associate  
Larry Marietta Music Director  
Jarron Carlson Composer in Residence  
Brad Peterson Office Admin  
Kiristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator