

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide May 7, 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** Berceuse, from 24 Pièces en style libre Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** Lanson F. Demming

This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

### \*Call to Worship

Betty Voris

Leader In the past few weeks, we have proclaimed,  
**People "Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!"**

Leader But as Easter fades in our memory, we have trouble living that truth.  
**People As we walk on our journeys of life and come to worship today,  
let us always remember that Christ walks with us!**

Leader On all our crowded ways of life, Christ is alive, here and always!

**People Let us worship the risen and living Christ!**

**\*Hymn Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day**

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Sung to O WALY WALY (Hymn 202)

- 1 Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,  
Two travelers walked along the way.  
They'd once had hope, but hope had died  
When you, O Lord, were crucified.
- 2 When you appeared beside the two,  
They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain,  
You gave them hope and joy again.
- 3 For as you spoke to them God's word,  
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done  
And that a new day had begun.
- 4 They shared their home; you broke the bread.  
They saw you, risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see  
The gift of God's eternity.
- 5 In scripture and at table, too,  
O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace  
To share God's love in every place.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Betty Voris

Ever-present God,  
so many things cross our paths in our everyday journeys  
that we forget and don't recognize your presence.  
We become preoccupied with our daily lives:  
our work, our families, our friends, our plans, our problems.  
It is often so hard just to keep going.  
And when our health turns for the worse,  
when finances are bad,  
when arguments and grudges harm our relationships,  
when people misunderstand and judge us,  
when all we see around us in the world  
is pain and suffering and hatred –  
when things are really bad, we often wonder,  
“Where are you, O God?”

*Silence for Prayer*

Forgive our doubts!  
Forgive our lack of vision!  
Forgive our loss of hope!  
Surprise us with your presence, O Risen Christ!

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader God walks the journey of life with us!  
And even when we do not recognize God,  
our hearts are warmed, for God loves us.  
God opens our eyes so that we may see and know that  
Hope lives! Love lives! Christ lives! And we are forgiven!

**People Thanks be to God! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**\*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**

Paul Crabtree (born 19600)

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!  
O my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,  
I'll be looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry to see the angel coming by,  
I'll be looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christian shout 'cause there's a new day come about,  
I'll be looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

**\*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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**Prayers of the People**

Rick Wiebe

Prayer Partners

Stephen and Betty Voris, Jian Wang, Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky and Bob Pekelnicky, Teddy and Eden, Rick and Ellen Wiebe, Kim Williams, Matt Wolka and family



**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Matthew Glandorf

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives do I give unto you.

John 14:27

**Postlude** Hornpipe

John Cooke (1940-2017)

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**Today's Coffee Hour**

Beth Arnaoot has given today's coffee hour in memory of Ghassan Arnaoot.

**Distributing New Key-Cards, Today**

Thank you for your long patience! The new system of key-cards for the Sacramento Street door and the door to the inside stairwell is finally on-line.

Your old key-card will no longer open these doors. If you haven't picked up your new key card, you can at coffee hour today and next Sunday: In an envelope with your name on it, you will find your new key-card and a key-holder agreement to fill out and hand back.

Thank you to Linda Reyder and Mary Russell for passing out the envelopes and collecting the key-holder agreements. Look for them at coffee hour.

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 20**

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, May 20, 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!

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, May 27**

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, May 27. 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)

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

3:00 pm O1C: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Music Center Juliet McComas Keyboard  
Marathon: "Masterpieces from Folk Traditions"

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Friday May 12**

8:00 pm O1C: Patrick Galvin, violin, and Connor Buckley, piano: works by  
Prokofiev, Fujiwara, Bacewicz, Sarasate, Beach, and Schumann.

**Saturday May 13**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

**Sunday May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Monday May 15**

7:30 pm O1C: Earplay, string, wind, piano ensemble: new music including two world  
premieres by local composers

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