

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 24, 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 From Eight Little Preludes and Fugues

Prelude and Fugue in D minor

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Attributed to J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit The Elixir

Jarron Carlson (born 1999)

Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see,
and in all I do, to do it as for Thee.

All may of Thee partake,

None can be so mean,

Which with their tincture—"for Thy sake"—

Will not grow bright and clean.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

***Call to Worship**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
that it is not we who chose Christ,
People but Christ who chose us;
Leader that we are not here because of our goodness
People but because of Christ's grace;
Leader that we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
People but to allow Christ to enlighten us;
Leader that we have not come to be entertained
People but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***Hymn 450 Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**
- 3 **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 4 **High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Lord, save us from ourselves.
We continue to do the same things over and over,
expecting different results.
Lord, save us from doing too much.
We go fishing every day,
not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.
Lord, save us from doing too little.
We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.
Lord, save us from our ingratitude.
Every day you prepare meals of love
for our bodies and our hearts.

**Yet we complain, we forget to say “thank you,”
we forget to share our food and your love with others.
Lord, save us from ourselves.**

Help us to hear and respond when you say, “Follow Me.”

Silent confession

**Lord, our Savior,
your love and forgiveness come to us again and again.
Alleluia! Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
People **By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 184 Calm to the Waves**

We sing the text twice.

**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.**

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

Anthem

Good News Celebration
On the early American tune INVITATION Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Share the Good News Celebration! Sing His praises joyfully.
Share with ev’ry tribe and nation, Christ has come and sets us free.
Sing and praise Him! Sing and praise Him! Worthy of our praise is He.
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully!

Witness now with expectation, share the Gospel far and near;
Tell of Christ and His salvation, spread the news that all may hear.

Share the Good News Celebration! Share the news of God’s design;
Let us sing with jubilation. We are branches, He’s the vine.
Alleluia, O sing and praise Him! Alleluia, O praise the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully!

***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.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Michael Berg

Prayer Partners Pat Amdur, Alison Armstrong and Ken Kiplinger and Julia, Beth Arnaoot and Liny Adams, Carolyn Asbury, Erwin Barron and Coy Abellano, Doris Bebb

**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

John 21:1-15 (New Testament, p. 109)

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

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 751 We Will Rise Up and Follow**

**1 From the nets of our labors,
through the noise and confusion,
from city or seashore,
Jesus summons us all.**

**Refrain We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.**

- 2 When we faint and grow weary
from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort,
Jesus summons us all.
- 3 In the eyes of the stronger–
tearful, joyous, or frightened–
in the face of each neighbor,
Jesus summons us all.
- 4 When we hear words of hatred
spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged,
Jesus summons us all.
- 5 In each moment of courage,
steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice;
Jesus summons us all.
- 6 Like disciples before us,
from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion:
Jesus summons us all.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir The Flower Jarron Carlson (born 1999)

How fresh, oh Lord, how sweet and clean
Are Thy returns! Ev'n as the flow'rs in spring;
To which, besides their own demean,
The late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring.
Grief melts away
Like snow in May,
As if there were no such cold thing.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Postlude Te Deum Laudamus Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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Today's Music

Today's introit and choral response to the benediction are by Jarron Carlson, a choir member since 2018, and currently our composer-in-residence. He is a second-year graduate student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, studying with David Conte. We are indeed grateful for these two beautiful compositions, which will become part of Old First's choral library.

Today's Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee hour after worship today. Then stop by the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry and sign up to sponsor coffee hour one Sunday. Your donation of \$50 supports Old First's ministry of hospitality and offers you an opportunity to honor or remember someone you love: your dedication will appear in the bulletin.

We Staff the Interfaith Food Pantry September 30

We really need your help! Sign up today to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, September 30, when members and friends of Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry and serve our neighbors. Meet our amazing volunteers and support our Food Pantry coordinators Frank and Chris! You can sign up easily by visiting the Food Pantry's sign up webpage: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

Communion with Intinction, October 1

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and, after a long hiatus that started with the pandemic, we will resume receiving communion by intinction – that is, by lightly dipping the bread in the wine or grape juice. There will be wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup. If you would rather not receive the communion elements by intinction, you may opt for the pre-packaged communion elements on the lectern.

Peace & Global Witness Offering, October 1

On Sunday, October 1, we'll receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of the PC(USA)'s four annual special offerings, helps our neighbors next door, down the street and across the globe. 25% stays with Old First to support our ministry with our local neighbors, 25% goes the Presbytery of San Francisco to be used in the Bay Area, and 50% supports Presbyterian work around the globe. You can give by...

- using the envelope in next Sunday's bulletin,
- using the kiosk in the narthex,
- visiting Old First's donations page: <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>,
- visiting the PC(USA)'s special offerings page: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>,
- texting PCUSAPEACE to 41444, or
- scanning the QR-code printed here.



Old First's Free Little Library

Our Free Little Library has arrived! What images, pictures, words or colors do you think should inspire the painting wonders our very own artist Kurt Schwartzmann? Share your ideas on the easel found in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour or E-mail ideas to Pastor Maggi: maggi@oldfirst.org.

You can find these Little Free Libraries all over the city. People take a book and bring a book. It is our gift to the thriving Polk Street community. We members and friends of Old First will stock the library, so start setting aside the books you'd like to pass along! We also need a group of Free Little Library supporters to care for the library. If you're interested, let Maggi know.



Sing to the Lord a New Song

Do you like to sing? Why not give our marvelous small-but-mighty Choir a try? The attendance policy is easy: Come when you can! Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Larry at the organ console following the service, or E-mail him: larrymarietta@gmail.com

This Week at Old First

Sunday September 24

4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, strings, clarinet and piano, music of G. Fauré and J. Brahms
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday September 26

10:00 am Personnel Committee, On Line

Thursday September 28

6:15 pm Session, On Line

Saturday September 30

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!
Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: www.oldfirst.org

Sunday October 1 World Communion Sunday

11:00 am Worship with Peace & Global Witness Offering
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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