

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

### 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** Psalm-Prelude, Opus 32, No. 1 Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
*This poor man called out, and God heard him;  
God saved him from all his troubles.*

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** Richard Benefield (born 1955)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.  
Sing the glory of God's name!  
Give to God glorious praise!

### \*Call to Worship

Lori Yamauchi

Leader God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,  
**People the courageous and the fearful,**  
Leader the hungry and the hopeful,  
**People the impatient and the reserved.**

Leader God welcomes the young and the old,  
**People the poets and the prophets,**  
 Leader the faithful and the tired,  
**People the curious and the convicted.**  
 Leader Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea  
**People there is room for all to gather here.**  
 Leader This is God's house.  
**People Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

**\*Hymn 215 What Wondrous Love Is This**

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
     what wondrous love is this  
     that caused the Lord of bliss  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
     when I was sinking down  
     beneath God's righteous frown,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
- 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
     to God and to the Lamb  
     who is the great "I AM,"  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
     and when from death I'm free,  
     I'll sing and joyful be,  
 and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

**Prayer of  
 Confession**

Lori Yamauchi

**Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us,  
 days when the storms of life feel too big.  
 In those moments,  
 we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,  
 spending more energy hiding from storms  
 than looking for you.  
 Forgive us for doubting ourselves.  
 Forgive us for doubting you.**

*Let us pray silently.*

**Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.  
With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter,  
or fall to your knees and stay in one place.  
No matter what you do,  
Christ's love for you is unchanging.  
Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting,  
Christ is always walking toward you.

**People So hear and believe this good news:  
God's love is stronger than any storms.  
On our best days, and on our worst days,  
we are seen, forgiven, and loved.**

Leader God is always walking toward you.

**People Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Latin, 8<sup>th</sup> Century

English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

**Offering**

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering  
electronically using the QR-code to the right.*



**Anthem**

Christ's Flock

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed,  
From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel:  
Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced,  
As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.

Christ is the author of all unity,  
From whence proceedeth all felicity.

O sing unto this glitt'ring glorious King,  
O praises bring from ev'ry living thing:  
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Francis Kimmewershe (1540?-1580?)

**\*Doxology**      **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

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**

Cindy Burt

Prayer Partners      Jian Wang, Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky and Bob Pekelnicky, Teddy and Eden, Rick and Ellen Wiebe, Kim Williams, Matt Wolka and family

**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.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 22:23-31 (A New Zealand Prayer Book)**  
*The choir sings the refrain once, and the congregation it twice.  
All sing the refrain once after each soloist's verses.*

**Refrain**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Praise the Name of the Lord.**

Solo: Kirsten  
Fleischmann

Give praise, all you that fear the Lord:  
proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob;  
stand in awe, all you children of Israel.  
For you, O God, have not despised or abhorred  
the poor in their affliction:  
you have not hidden your face from them,  
but you heard them when they called to you. **(Refrain)**

Solo: Sergey Khalikulov  
You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:  
my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:  
those who seek you, O Lord, shall praise you;  
may they be in good heart for ever. **(Refrain)**

Solo: Chelsea Hollow  
Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.  
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord:  
and you are the ruler over the nations.  
As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:  
all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you? **(Refrain)**

Solo: Michael Desnoyers  
But I shall live thorough you, and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.  
To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:  
the saving deeds you have done. **(Refrain)**

**Scripture** Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 15)

**Sung Response** **Return to You**

*The choir sings the phrase once. The congregation then sings it twice.*

**I have a wond'ring heart, and a fickle faith.**

**Can you find me here, can I see your face?**

**Help me return to you, help me return to you.**

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**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Affirmation  
of Faith**

**I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.**

**I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.**

**I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.**

**I believe in a God who knows my name.**

**I believe in a God of love.**

**I am not afraid. Amen.**

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn** **You Sought Me**

*Sung to the tune HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Hymn 219*

**1** **Into the waters, timid and unsteady  
Bare feet find purchase in the water's eddies,  
Eyes fixed on Jesus while the storm is raging  
And waves are breaking.**

- 2 But then the winds shift and I let my gaze break  
 Fear starts to drag me underneath the lake's waves  
 In my distress I cry out to my Savior,  
 "Save me from danger!"
- 3 Safe in the boat I wonder where the fault lies.  
 Was it the storm or my own reckless desire  
 To have control or prove myself as able  
 Rather than faithful?
- 4 Grace for the journey, grace for all my failings,  
 Grace when I'm sinking, grace when storms assail me,  
 Faith in myself and faith in God's provision,  
 Not my ambition.

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**\*Charge and  
 Benediction**

<b>Choir</b>	Threefold Amen	Vincent Persichetti (1915-1987)
<b>Postlude</b>	Toccata in A-minor	Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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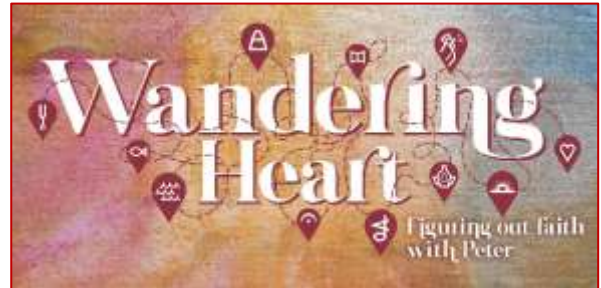
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### Lent 2024

#### Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

This Lent we will be joining with churches around the USA using materials called *Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter* from A Sanctified Art. We will focus on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples: Peter. As we follow Peter's story, we will sing and pray our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.



The graphic designs here and on the cover are by the Reverend Lauren Wright Pittman; the background painting and photography are by the Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity; and today's liturgy is adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed, all of A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

#### Devotional Cards for Lent

You can pick up your *Wandering Heart* devotional cards for Lent in the narthex.

#### Today's Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today's coffee hour in memory of Doris Bebb.

#### Memorial Service for Doris Bebb, Today, 1:00 pm

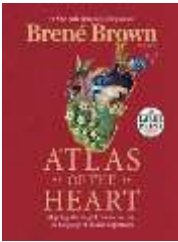
Old First will remember our member Doris Bebb, who died on January 1, with a memorial service today at 1:00 pm.

#### Ballot Proposition Review, Today On-Line

Betty Voris, chair of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Committee and Old First member, will hold a review of the March ballot's state and city propositions today at 3 pm via Zoom. Please join Betty for this informative discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826096016?pwd=YWRydDVWSXIUK1pBeVdCUFlEWmR0QT09>

### Next Book Discussion Session, March 3 and 4



The second sessions of our new book discussion will take place on Sunday, March 3, after coffee hour in-person, and on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. At these sessions we'll cover Chapter 2 of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart*.

Please let Maggi, know if you plan to attend one of these sessions.

This is the link to the Monday night sessions via Zoom; it can also be found in Maggi's weekly E-mail on Saturdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

### This Week at Old First

#### Sunday February 25

- 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Doris Bebb
- 3:00 pm Ballot Proposition Review, On-Line
- 4:00 pm O1C: Sixth Station Trio, Anju Goto, violin, Federico Strand Ramirez, cello, Katelyn Tan, piano
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday February 27

- 6:00 pm Session meets on-line.

#### Saturday March 2

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Simply use the QR-code to the right to sign up!



#### Sunday March 3

- 11:00 am Worship
- After coffee hour Book Discussion: *Atlas of the Heart*, Chapter 2, Library
- 4:00 pm O1C: Chopin Birthday Party with Robert Schwartz, piano  
Birthday cake and champagne reception follows the concert!
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### Monday March 4

- 7:00 pm Book Discussion: *Atlas of the Heart*, Chapter 2, On Line