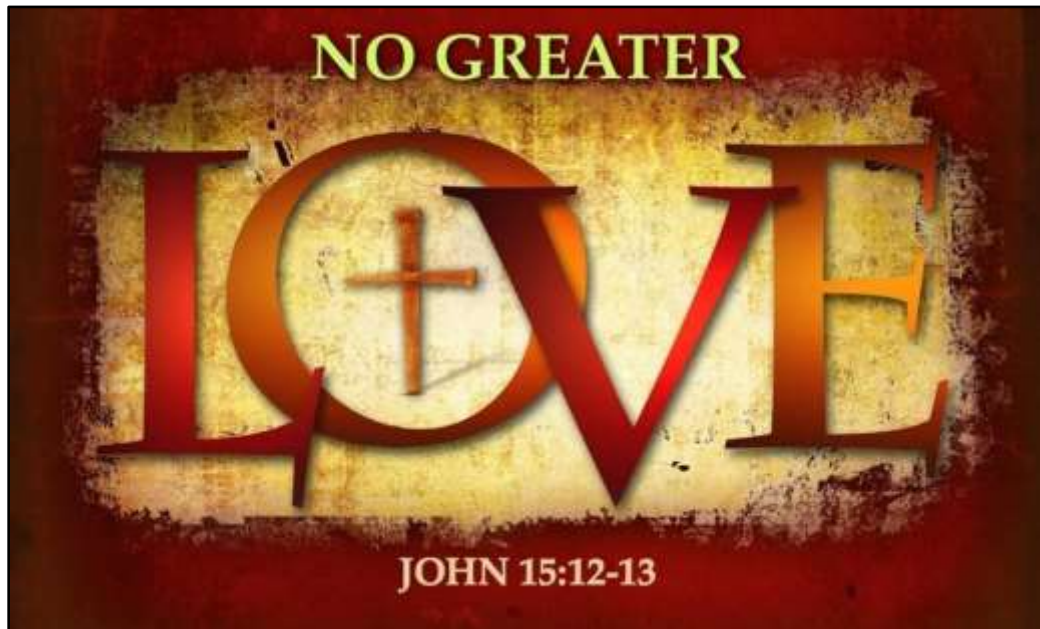


Old First Presbyterian Church



Eastertide May 5, 2024

Worship Through Praising God

Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.

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	Passacaglia	John West (1863-1929)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to love one another.	Thomas Matthews (1915-1999) James Vila Blake (1842–1925), adapted

***Call to Worship**

Sidney Hollar

Leader We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless,
if we were always in step with God.

People **This is my commandment:
“That you love one another.”**

Leader God, has give us commandments
that we may live as effectively as possible.

People **With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing,
we shall never be put to shame.**

Leader “You are to love one another
in the same way as I have loved you.”

People **O Lord, touch our lips with your saving grace
that our live may declare your praise!**

***Hymn 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

Refrain **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1 **Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.**
- 2 **Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.**
- 3 **These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.**
- 4 **Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live like you.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sidney Hollar

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.**

Let us confess in silence.

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

This is the good news we have to declare:

God leads us in love, out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

People

This is the word we have heard:

Our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us in love to new life.

Thanks be to God.

***Sung Assurance**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Latin, 8th 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

Rejoice! Salvation's Come!

Original tune by Silas Jones Vail (1818-1883)

Arranged by Glenn L. Rudolph (born 1951)

Why am I thankful every day?

Because I know salvation

Is found along Christ's upward way,

My source of jubilation!

My happy heart will soar above,

Because of Jesus' wondrous love!

And should my way be hard to find,

With shadows deep around me,

I trust the One who's good and kind,

Yes, Christ the Lord has found me!

My happy heart...

Come happy ones from all around

Of every land and nation,

And revel in salvation's sound:

Join in the celebration!

My happy heart...

John A. Dalles (born 1954)

***Doxology**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

**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**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Camryn Hollarsmith, Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith, Roseanne Hoo, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen Josiah, Cynthia Kang

**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 15:9-17 (p. 103)

Sung Response

Return to You
We sing the response once.
**I have a wand'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.**

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 697 Take My Life, verses 1, 2, 4, and 6**
- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 - 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
 - 4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.
 - 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude

Festivals

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.

*Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee and lunch
to celebrate our **175th Anniversary**, today.*

This Week at Old First

- Sunday May 5**
After Worship 175th Anniversary Potluck, Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, 18th and 19th century music for strings and piano
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday May 6**
7:00 pm Book Discussion, On Line
- Saturday May 11**
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday May 12**
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Pentecost Art Project at Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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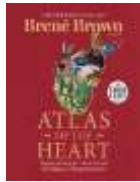
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Today’s Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today’s coffee hour in celebration of Old First’s 175th anniversary.

Next Book Discussion Session, Tomorrow 7:00 pm



The fourth session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown’s *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart* will take place via Zoom tomorrow, May 6, at 7:00 pm. At this session we’ll cover Chapter 4, “Places We Go When It’s Beyond Us: Awe, Wonder, Confusion, Curiosity Interest and Surprise.” Below is the Zoom link to the Monday night sessions. The link can also be found in Maggi’s weekly Saturday E-mail.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWI0QT09>

Pastor Maggi, The Round Table, and Corrymeela

Starting May 7, Pastor Maggi will be on an adventure in Ireland with her beloved clergy group called The Round Table. They will start their time together at the Corrymeela Community’s center at Ballycastle on the coast of Northern Ireland. Corrymeela was founded in 1965 as a way of building a more peaceful island. For more information, visit: <https://www.corrymeela.org/>



SF City Chorus Sings at Calvary, May 11

After twenty-six years with the 80-member San Francisco City Chorus, Larry Marietta will direct his farewell concert at Calvary Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 pm. The concert will include **Parry’s *I Was Glad*** (with brass quintet), **Vaughan Williams’s *Serenade to Music***, and two movements from **Handel’s *Organ Concerto No. 13*** (featuring organ soloist John Walko). It will conclude with **Mozart’s *Requiem*** with full orchestra and the section leaders of Old First’s choir as soloists. Members and friends of Old First can obtain **free tickets in advance from Larry**. Pastor Maggi has heard City Chorus rehearsing and she highly recommends them: “They’re really good!”

Pentecost Art, May 12

The Worship Committee needs your help to cut out flames for a Pentecost art piece for the Sanctuary. Scissors and paper will be waiting for you in the social hall next Sunday, May 12, after worship.

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 18

Members of Old First and St Luke’s combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, May 18. Mark your calendars now. To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



The Day of Pentecost, May 19

Eastertide comes to a close with the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Day. Pentecost celebrates the gift of God’s Holy Spirit to the church. And since tongues of fire were one of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, why not wear a touch of red when you come to worship on Pentecost, May 19.

Pentecost Offering 2024

The annual Pentecost Offering is one of the four special offerings received each year in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood – a strong start that supports a strong life.

The offering received is divided four ways:

- 40% stays with our congregation to support our own local ministries with children and young people.
- 25% supports the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program which serves communities around the world.
- 25% supports the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- 10% supports at-risk children by improving education opportunities and safe havens.

You can make your Pentecost Offering by using the envelope that will be included in the bulletin on Pentecost, May 19, or you can make your Pentecost Offering at any time using Old First's on-line donations page: Either navigate to <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//> or use the QR-code to the right. Remember to select "Pentecost Offering in the drop-down dialog box.



Looking Ahead: Maggi and ALC, June 2-8

Pastor Maggi will again be a roadie for the annual AIDS/LifeCycle (ALC) from June 2 through June 8. ALC cyclists and roadies come from all over California, the US and the world to raise funds for the life-saving work of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center. To contribute to her fund-raising, visit this URL: <https://giving.aidslifecycle.org/participant/pastormaggi2024>

Looking Ahead: Larry and Calvary's Choir Tour, June 10-26

Old First's music director, Larry Marietta, will be traveling June 10 through June 26 with the Calvary Presbyterian Chancel Choir on their performance tour through France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Larry's duties include being registrant for John Walko's accompaniments and organ recital (19th century organs have no adjustable registration pistons), acoustic and ambience observer in those huge cathedrals, and general "go-to and gopher" for anything that needs doing. A great amount of planning has gone into this trip, and he is eagerly looking forward to it.

Mark Your Calendar: Pride Day, June 30

For nearly three decades, LGBTQ-inclusive congregations and affirming clergy from Northern California have proudly marched together in the annual Pride Parade under the banner of **United in Spirit**, a collective testament to God's extravagant, inclusive love. Join Old First's contingent marching with United in Spirit on June 30. Note: There will be a motorized cable car for those who prefer to ride.

We also need a volunteer to keep the list of those who plan to join our contingent. If you can do this, please let Maggi know.

The following groups have already registered: Dignity/San Francisco, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Sha'ar Zahav Synagogue, City Church San Francisco, The Episcopal Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Holy Trinity/La Santísima Trinidad Episcopal Congregation, Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, Muslims For Progressive Values, Mission Bay Community Church, Old First Presbyterian Church, Welcoming Cumberland Presbyterians.

