

Old First Presbyterian Church



Easter Day April 5, 2026

Musical Prelude

Easy-to-use headphones 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.

*Pick up a copy of the **Hallelujah chorus** from an usher before worship starts at 11:00.*

*Please bring your **fish boxes** to the front of the church.*

Organ March & Fantasy on “Thine Is the Glory” G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Solo Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Solo The Holy City Michael Maybrick (aka Stephen Adams, 1841-1913)
Michael Desnoyers, tenor

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of angels from heav'n in answer rang:
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your king!

And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang,
 Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang.
 The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
 As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
 Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing,
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be!
 I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;
 The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide;
 And all who would might enter, And no one was denied.
 No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day;
 It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.
 Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er!
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore!

Organ Gwalshmai (Welsh Easter Carol) Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Solo Ride On, King Jesus! African-American Spiritual
 Arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)
 Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Ride on, King Jesus! No one can hinder me.
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.
 For he is King of kings, he is Lord of lords.
 King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.
 The river of Jordan he did cross.
 He calls His saints from everywhere.
 No one works like him.

Solo "Alleluia" from *Exultate Jubilate* W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
 Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Worship Through Praising God

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

**Welcome and
 Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

Introit

Melchior Vulpius (c.1570-1615)
 Arranged by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

The strife is o'er, the battle done; / Now is the victor's triumph won:
 O let the song of praise be sung, / Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
 On the third morn he rose again, / Glorious in majesty to reign:
 O let us swell the joyful strain, / Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

17th century Latin hymn (c.1695)
 Translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909)

***Call to Worship**

Lori Yamauchi

Leader On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
People On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.
Leader On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.
People But today, we know the good news is alive and well.
Leader The good news is dancing!
People The good news is on the loose!
Leader The good news is out in the world, calling your name!
All Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.
Let us worship our good-news Christ.

***Hymn 245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

- 1 **“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!**
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 **Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 **Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- 4 **Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Lori Yamauchi

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.
We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.
We want to follow the women, who didn’t give up
and were faithful even in their grief.
We want to follow the angel, who said, “Be not afraid,”
but we are afraid–
and we don’t know where to look–
and we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing or nothing at all.
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.
We have good intentions and best laid plans,
but leave them undone.

We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”
 We are on our way, but we are not there yet.
 Show us how to embody your good news in this world.
 Show us how to be your Easter people.
 With hope for tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God.
 Jesus died and rose for us,
 and there is nothing that can keep God’s love at bay.
 So join me in this good news declaration:
People **Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.**
This is the good news of the gospel!
Thanks be to God!

***Response In God’s Sight** Luscombe/Gaine
We sing the phrase three times.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the phrase "In God's sight we are made whole- we are". The second staff contains the melody for "full of God's love- Alleluia, Amen!". Chords are indicated above and below the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Offering *Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right or this URL: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>*



Anthem Christ Is Risen! Sing Alleluia! Michael McCabe (1941-2023)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

The pow’r of life dispersed the gloom, / Revealing love and light.
 The Christ has conquered death’s dark tomb, / And loosed the grip of night.
 The light revealed the power of God, / The stone was rolled away;
 The path was bright that Jesus trod, / For night had turned to day.
 The light of truth at last revealed / The nature of the soul;
 The tomb no longer held concealed / The heart’s eternal goal.
 Christ is risen from the dead! Sing alleluia!

***Doxology**

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

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

**Time with Our
Children**

***The Easter
Greeting**

Children Christ is risen!
Adults Christ is risen indeed!
Children Christ is risen!
Adults Christ is risen indeed!
Children Christ is risen!
Adults Christ is risen indeed!
All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Erwin Barron

Prayer Partners Bryan Nichols and Robin Currier, Chuck and Emily Olson, Rudy Osuna, Karyn Payne, Daniel Pearch, Don Pender, Gordon Phipps

**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.**

Anthem

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away;
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come;
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10b-13b

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10 (page 32)

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Henderson

**Affirmation
of Faith** **This is the Good News–
The grave is empty,
Christ is risen.
Hallelujah!**

**This is the Good News–
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.
Hallelujah!**

**Christ is our peace,
The indestructible peace
We now share with each other.
Hallelujah!**

***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.**

Worship through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Opening Words

An Officer On behalf of the session, I present
Priya Singh for the sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor Do you desire to be baptized?
Response I do.

Pastor Do you confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
Response I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Relying on God's grace, will you live the Christian faith?
Response I will with God's help.

Pastor Will you accept Christ's call to be involved in the ministry of his
church, here, at Old First Presbyterian Church and in all you do?
Response I will.

**Question to
the Church** Do you, members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and to nurture Priya
by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging Priya to know and to follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

People We do.

The Baptism

Prayer

Commissioning and Commitment of the Congregation

Left Side When you find yourself lost and confused,
Right Side May you hear Christ calling your name.

Left Side As you venture on uncertain pathways,
Right Side May you recognize Christ with you on the journey.

Left Side In times of wondering and doubt,
Right Side May you feel Christ's patient reassurance.

Left Side And in all times and places know this:
All Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

*Upon Pastor Maggi's invitation, please come to the chancel
and find your voice part according to the signs held by our choir's section leaders.
Extra scores are available on the front pews.*

**Choir and
Congregation**

Hallelujah!

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Michael Desnoyers, conductor

***Charge and
Benediction**

*Please return the church's copies of the Hallelujah Chorus to the designated boxes in the
narthex or by the choir loft stairs.*

*Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall downstairs for a festive **Easter Coffee Hour
Extravaganza!** Ushers can direct you to the stairs or elevator... or simply follow the crowd!*

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This Morning's Liturgy and Art

This morning's liturgy is adapted from texts by the Reverend Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. The image on the cover is also from A Sanctified Art LLC. The affirmation of faith is from *Eggs and Ashes* by Burgess and Pohill, Wild Goose Publications

One Great Hour of Sharing, Today

Today we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. One Great Hour of Sharing supports work serving individuals and communities confronted by many challenges: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, migration, and refugee status. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can use the **envelope in this bulletin** to make your One Great Hour of Sharing offering today. Alternatively, you can use **Old First's donation page**: simply click this link - <https://www.oldfirst.org/donations/> - or use the QR-code to the right. Select "One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter" from the Donate To drop-down dialog box.



New Member/Inquirer Classes

Curious about Old First? Or the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Interested in becoming a member of the church? Then let Pastor Maggi know: You can speak with directly, or send an E-mail to the church office - brad@oldfirst.org - and Brad will pass your name along to her. She will be leading New Member/Inquirer Classes again soon.

Good Friday Offering Still Possible

You can still make your Good Friday Offering to **Life for Relief and Development** (LIFE), nonprofit responding to the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. As many flee from the war in Iran and other countries of the Middle East to seek refuge in Lebanon, they find Lebanon itself already overwhelmed by the effects of ongoing conflict. Your offering this evening will go toward delivering life-saving humanitarian aid to displaced families. For more information visit LIFE’s website: <https://www.lifeusa.org/>

To contribute online using Old First’s donations page, just click this link - <https://www.oldfirst.org/donations/> - or use the QR-code on the right. Select “Good Friday – Special Offering” from the Donate To drop-down dialog box.



Church Office Closed Tomorrow

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday, April 6.

Eastertide 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 12

11:00 am Worship with Hymn-Sing

What’s your favorite Easter hymn? Look through Hymns 229 to 257 in *Glory to God*.

THE SUNDAYS OF EASTERTIDE

Join us for joyful worship at 11:00 am every Sunday during the Easter Season.

This Week at Old First

- Sunday April 5, Easter Day**
- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Easter Coffee Hour Extravaganza
- Monday April 6, Easter Monday**
- Church Office Closed
- Saturday April 11**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- Sunday April 12, 2nd Sunday of Eastertide**
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship with Easter Hymn-Sing
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, Online
- 4:00 pm O1C: Lieder Alive! “Concert Confidential”
with Jeffrey LaDeur, piano
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church

- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
- Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator

<p>Easter Flowers Have Been Given by the Following</p>

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| Carolyn Asbury | In memory of her neighbor of almost fifty years, Marty Smith, who died recently. |
| Gabby Beck-Engeser | In memory of her parents Oskar and Ilse Beck. |
| Michael and
Nina Berg | In memory of Joe and Burnita Burton.
In memory of Betty Berg.
In memory of Marguerite Faller. |
| Cindy and
Chris Burt | In honor of Larry Marietta for his excellent musical direction.
In honor of Lori Yamauchi for her dedicated leadership at Old First, the Presbytery of San Francisco, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). |
| Tracy Clagett | In memory of Barry Clagett. |
| James Fagler and Lori
Yamauchi | In memory of Andy Cheng and Betsy Chiao.
In gratitude for the life of Carolyn Zeisler. |
| Bill Feister | In memory of his college friend Marge Wagner. |
| Linda Reyder | In gratitude for the pleasure of animals. |
| Mary Russell | In honor of Old First staff and volunteers.
In memory of Betsy Chiao and Andy Cheng.
In gratitude for the Sunday School class. |
| Randy Smith and
Andrea Segura Smith | In celebration of the 97 th birthday of Andrea's mother, Daisy. |
| Sally Spencer | In memory of Annie May and Clifford Spencer. |
| Stephen and Sarah
Taber | In honor of Pastor Maggi.
In honor of all the amazing staff at OFPC! |
| Betty Voris | In thanks for the love of family.
In gratitude for Gabby, Mary, Linda, AnnieScott and Lori, who make our Presbyterian Women meaningful and loving. |
| Jian Wang | With Easter joy! |