

Old First Presbyterian Church



Eastertide Sunday, April 19, 2026

Worship Through Praising God

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.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude Sonata No. 12 in A-Flat Op. 26 Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Sam Cheng, piano

Welcome and Church Life Pastor Henderson

Introit Walk in Jerusalem African American Spiritual
Arranged by Rollo A. Dilworth
Michael Desnoyers conducting

I want to be ready.

I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Are you ready?

Are you ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John?

***Call to Worship**

Erwin Barron

Leader We need your presence on the long road, Lord Jesus:
the road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.

People **Like your disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!**
**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a life-giving hour.**

***Hymn 252 Day of Arising**

- 1 **Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**
- 2 **When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**
- 3 **Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.**
- 4 **Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

Prayer of Confession

Erwin Barron

**O Jesus Christ, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other
that we fail to find you beside us.
We walk on, so focused on our questions
that we do not create the silent spaces
which would allow you to speak with us
and enlighten our journeying.**

Silent reflection

**Stay with us, Jesus Christ.
Reach out to us
and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.
As we look at our lives and that of the world around us,
we are sometimes too anxious
to share our real questions or our doubts and fears.
We keep them within us in troubled silence.**

Silent reflection

Stay with us, Jesus Christ.

**We call out to you and hope to discover you
here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Whether we believe it or not,
Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us.
Let us open our hearts to receive the grace
which Christ brings to us in faithfulness.

People We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

We sing the phrase three times.

Musical notation for the response "In God's Sight". The first line shows the melody with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The second line shows the accompaniment with chords: dm, C/E, dm, G7, C. The lyrics are: "In God's sight we are made whole- we are full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)".

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/>



Choir A Closer Walk with Thee

Closer Walk: Traditional Spiritual, Arranged by Stan Pethel
Trust and Obey: Daniel B. Towner, Arranged by John H. Sammis
Michael Desnoyers conducting

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long, as long
as I walk— let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, my Lord.
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Heare my humble plea
daily walking close to thee, let it be,
just let it be, O my Lord, let it be.

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust, trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus is my plea,
daily walking close to thee,
let it, dear Lord, let it be.

***Doxology**

Genevan Psalter, 1551

**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 Peace**

Leader
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you!

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (page 533-534)
Luke 24:13-35 (pages 84-85)

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

Emmaus Road

**We are disappointed and worn down.
Lord, walk with us.
We doubt what we believe.
Lord, teach us.
We need a sign.
Lord, break the bread.
We seek your kingdom.
Lord, fill our hearts with fire.**

Worship Through Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader May the God of Emmaus roads be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Fellow pilgrims, give your hearts to God

People We offer our cold hearts to the One who will set them on fire.

Leader Alleluia! Sing songs of glad praise.

People Alleluia! We will sing of the risen Lord.

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader We speak of that faith which seems so familiar,
yet is still a mystery:

**People Christ died, suffering those things for us;
Christ was raised by God, walking side by side;
Christ will come, and our eyes will be opened
so we can recognize him.**

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader And at the same hour when all time ends, we will return to your heart,
finding our siblings gathered together around the table of glory,
and join forever in singing your praises,
God in Community, Holy in One.

Yet until that day we will pray together
the prayer your Son taught us:

**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.**

The Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.

Receive the bread from the pastor, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.

There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.

Gluten-free bread is available from the pastor upon request.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 505 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing**

1 The trumpets sound; the angels sing;
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine:
he'll turn your water into wine.

3 The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Gigue from the Sixth French Suite in E Major, BWV 817
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sam Cheng, piano

During the postlude, you may either depart or take a seat to listen, as you wish.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Today's Flowers and Coffee Hour

Emily Olson has given today's floral arrangement as well as today's coffee hour in celebration of Chuck Olson's 96th birthday on April 22.

Today's Liturgy

Our liturgy today come from our siblings in faith in the U.S. and also around the globe: the Uniting Church in Australia and the Iona Community in Scotland.

Easter Hydrangeas

If you sponsored one or more hydrangeas for Easter, you may take them home with you today.

Larry Marietta Out till May

Larry Marietta, our beloved music director, will be gone for the Sundays from April 19 to May 3 while recovering from surgery. During this time we thank Michael Desnoyers and Sam Cheng for leading music in our worship.

Trees of Faith with Friends of the Urban Forest, April 23, 10:00 am

Old First and our neighbors, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, have received a grant called **Trees of Faith** to work with the Friends of the Urban Forest to plant trees in our neighborhood. Come to Old First this **Thursday, April 23, at 10:00 am** to learn about the project as well as how to participate in the actual planting. Please share this news and bring your neighbors and friends: this is a community effort for the benefit of our community.



4th Saturday Community Dinner, April 25

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on April 25. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? **Volunteers are welcomed from 4:45 pm on.** Food service begins at 5:15 pm. Let us know that you can help. E-mail this address: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, May 2



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, May 2**, when volunteers from Old First and St. Luke's staff the Interfaith Food Pantry. **Sign up early so Old First is well-represented!**

To visit the sign-up webpage, simply use the QR-code to the right or click on the link below.



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

New Deacons' Parishes

There are new deacons' parishes and the deacons' assignments may have shifted. Check out who your deacon is by looking at the list posted on the bulletin board in the lobby on the ground floor.

Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour

A Sunday without coffee hour would be out-of-place during joyful Eastertide. So help keep the joy of Easter's fifty days going by sponsoring coffee hour!

Of course, sponsoring coffee hour is also a great opportunity for you to honor someone, to remember someone, or to commemorate some event. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry. The cost to sponsor coffee hour is only \$50.00.

Good Friday Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing

You can still make your contribution to the Good Friday Offering or to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering we received on Easter Day:

Our **Good Friday offering** goes to Life for Relief and Development (LIFE), nonprofit responding to the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports work serving individuals and communities confronted by disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, migration, and refugee status.

To contribute to either offering 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 "Good Friday – Special Offering" or "One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter" from the Donate To drop-down dialog box. And if you fed a "fish box" during Lent for One Great Hour of Sharing, simply bring it to the church.



A Moravian Grace

This week, why not offer this simple yet powerful Moravian grace before your meals. -Maggi

**Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts bestowed by thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in thy loving care.
Amen.**

This Week at Old First

Sunday April 19, 3rd Sunday of Eastertide

11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Thursday April 23

10:00 am Friends of the Urban Forest Tree Planting Training, Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 25

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Sunday April 26, 4th Sunday of Eastertide

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
4:00 pm O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble "202 Years of Strings and Piano"
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
Larry Marietta Music Director
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