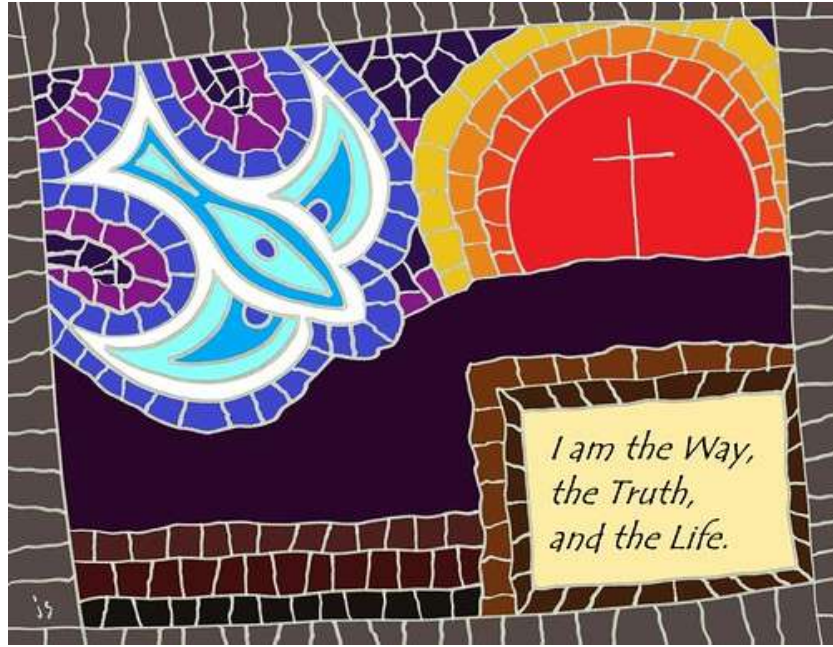


# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide Sunday, May 10, 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** Alma Redemptoris Mater (Soul of the Redeemer, Mother)  
Isabella Leonardo (1620-1704)

**Welcome and Church Life** Pastor Henderson

**Introit** Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785)

Deo dicamus gratias *Let us give thanks to God.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Stephen Taber

Leader Those who love Jesus  
will make their home with God.

**People Those who know Jesus  
will know his peace;**

Leader Those who follow Jesus  
will be taught in the ways of peace.

**People Come, love, know and follow Jesus our Lord,  
who has come to walk beside us.  
Come, worship God,  
who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home.**

**\*Hymn 625 O Lord My God**

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power thorough the universe displayed:

**Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great, thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
Then Sings my soul...

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
Then sings my soul...

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul...

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Stephen Taber

**Hear the brokenness of our lives,  
Precious God.  
We cover our ears so we cannot hear  
the cries of those in need or you urging us to respond.  
We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us,  
but quickly disperse  
when you would call us to be your holy people.  
We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams,  
but can manage only whispers  
when it comes to sharing the good news.  
Forgive us, Eternal Guide,  
and do not hold our sins against us.**

*Silence is kept.*

**We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet,  
so you might clothe us in grace and hope.  
We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart  
so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus  
as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

You are no longer alone:  
You are God's Beloved.  
You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom.  
You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

People

**Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ.  
Forgiven, redeemed, made whole:  
We are a people made one in faith.  
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 staff shows the melody with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The second staff shows the lyrics: 'In God's sight we are made whole- we are full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)'. Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes: F, em, am, dm, C/E, dm, G7, C.

**Offering**

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

William Mathias (1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother.  
In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;  
In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.  
Our fragmented lives are knit together,  
And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,  
to the Holy Spirit we are made whole.  
It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.  
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood,  
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.  
It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.  
I am the sovereign goodness in all things.  
It is I who teach you to love.  
It is I who teach you to desire.  
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.  
All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

Julian of Norwich (c.1343-after 1416)

**\*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**

**Prayers of the People**

Sally Spencer

Prayer Partners

Jian Wang, Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky and Bob Pekelnicky, Teddy and Eden, Rick and Ellen Wiebe, 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.**

**Solo**

African American Spiritual  
Arranged by Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)  
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

You can tell the world about this, you can tell the nation about that,  
Tell them what Jesus has done, tell 'em that the Comforter has come,  
And He brought joy, joy, joy to my soul.

He took my feet out the mercy clay, yes, He did,  
He placed them on the Rock to stay, yes, He did.

You can tell the world about this...

The Lord done just what He said, yes, He did.  
He healed the sick and raised the dead, yes, He did.

You can tell the world about this...

**Scripture**

John 14:1-7, 27-28 (pages 102-103)

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

**Moment for Mission**

Old First Benevolences:  
Covenant Network of Presbyterians

Erwin Barron

**Worship Through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn**     **I Will Never Leave You Orphaned**  
*Sung to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Hymn 83.*

- 1    **"I will never leave you orphaned,"**  
      **Jesus, you once told your own.**  
      **When we're overwhelmed and frightened,**  
      **show us that we're not alone.**
- 2    **Thank you for the Holy Spirit**  
      **who is present every day,**  
      **giving love that we might share it,**  
      **giving us the words to say.**
- 3    **In affliction, we find comfort**  
      **through our Friend and Help and Guide.**  
      **When we're sad and cannot bear it,**  
      **you are with us — by our side.**
- 4    **Then, in comfort, we find challenge**  
      **As you call your church to be**  
      **mercy-bearers, justice-seekers**  
      **in your new community.**
- 5    **Christ, in comfort and in challenge,**  
      **May the church hear what you say:**  
      **"I will never leave you orphaned."**  
      **May we trust your word today.**

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**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude**     Recessional

Fanny Cécilie Hensel Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1805-1847)  
Edited by Calvert Johnson (born 1951)

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

*However, do please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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### Cover Art

The art on today's cover page is from Stushie Art.

### Today's Coffee Hour

Carolyn Asbury has given today's coffee hour to honor, with gratitude, the ministers of her life for their evocative Christ-centered sermons: Pastors Palmer, Labberton, and Henderson.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, May 23

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on May 23. 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](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

### Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, May 30



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, May 30**, 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>

## Moment for Mission: Old First Benevolences

Old First strives to practice good stewardship and tries to give 10% of our budget to other organizations working for justice and peace in our community and world. Over the next few weeks, we will have brief moments for mission in our worship services to tell us about some of the projects and organizations we support.



This week we will look at the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (CNP). This inclusive organization was born in this congregation in 1997 and was led by Old First's own elder, Pam Byers, for many years. Under Pam's leadership the organization was instrumental in changing the policies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to welcome LGBT clergy and officers into ordained roles in the church. The mission of Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church by working for the full inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in its life and leadership. CNP is a network of more than 400 congregations and thousands of individuals, all committed to celebrating the gifts and extending authentic welcome to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. For over a quarter-century, our work has supported the Presbyterian Church (USA) through educational programs, resources for congregations and individuals, advocacy for church policy changes, and care and support for those facing exclusion and discrimination in the church.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 10, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

After Worship Coffee Hour  
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday May 12**

**Presbytery of San Francisco** meets at **Lafayette-Orinda**

**Presbyterian Church**, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette, CA: [info@lopc.org](mailto:info@lopc.org)

9:30 am-3:00 pm Meetings Working Group: Presbytery Meeting  
1:30 pm-8:00 pm Presbytery Meeting, in person

**Saturday May 16**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry  
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

**Sunday May 17, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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