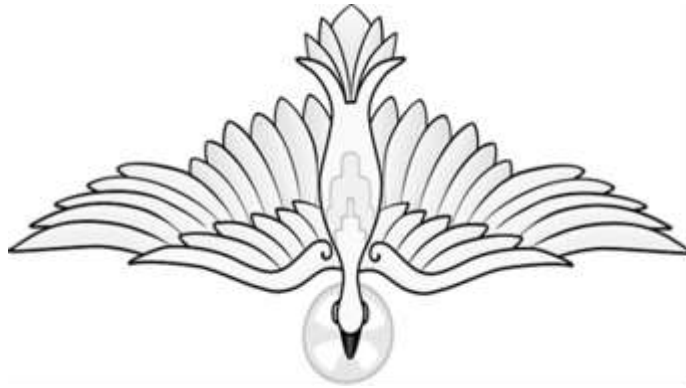


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, June 7, 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** Venetian Suite: Trumpet Tune – Adagio – Trumpet Tune  
Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

**Welcome and Church Life** Pastor Henderson

**Introit** *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c.1774*  
Harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht (1753-1823)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

Attributed to Ignaz Franz (1719-1790)  
Translations Clarence Alphonsus Walworth (1820-1900)

**\*Call to Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader In the beginning  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,

**People God was.**

Leader Here and now  
among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth  
for the purposes of heaven,

**People God is.**

Leader In the future,  
when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found its fulfillment,

**People God will be.**

Leader Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Christ, by the power of the Spirit,

**People God was,  
God is,  
God will be.**

**\*Hymn 157 I Danced in the Morning**

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,  
they came with me and the dance went on.

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.

- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.
- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Prayer of  
Confession

Mary Russell

Merciful God,  
you came among us as one who seeks the sick,  
eats with sinners, and raises the dead to life.  
You saw through crowds and customs  
to the ones most in need—  
the paralyzed man lowered through hope,  
the bleeding woman who reached out in secret,  
the little girl whose father dared to ask the impossible.  
We confess  
that we have not always welcomed those you welcome.  
We have kept our tables small  
and our categories tidy.  
We have asked, like the Pharisees,  
“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”  
As if mercy were something to be rationed, and  
grace a reward for the already-righteous.  
We confess our fear:  
the fear that reaches out like the woman in the crowd,  
only to pull back— afraid to be seen,  
afraid of what healing might cost us,  
afraid to believe that we are worth your notice.  
We have lived as if our uncleanness  
disqualifies us from your touch.

*Silence is kept.*

Forgive us, Lord.  
Teach us that you did not come to call the righteous,  
but those that fail, who disappoint each other and you.  
Teach us that you desire mercy,  
not sacrifice.

And by your grace, make us people who  
eat with the outcast,  
reach out to those who are easy to ignore, and  
speak life and hope where others speak only loss. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader Hear the good news:  
Jesus looked at the paralyzed man and said,  
“Take heart, your sins are forgiven.”  
Jesus looked at the woman who had suffered for twelve years and said,  
“Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”

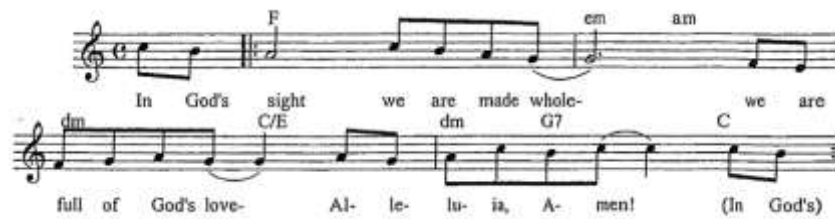
People **Jesus sees us, and still tells us  
to take heart; our sins are forgiven.  
Let our faith lead us in ways of Jesus,  
who brought life back to hopeless hearts,  
who transforms lives still.  
Jesus, transform us!**

**\*Response**

**In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

*We sing the phrase three times.*



**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/>*



**Solo**

From the Oratorio *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

But the Lord is mindful of His own,  
He remembers His children.  
Bow down before Him, ye mighty,  
for the Lord is near us.

Psalm 115: 12; II Timothy 2:19, Philippians 4:5

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

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of  
the People**

Bill Feister

**Prayer Partners** Yvonne Cheng, Samuel, Joshua and Anne, Ted Chiao, Buddy Tate  
Choy and Jeanne Choy Tate, Hal Christiansen, Tracy Clagett

**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 33:1-12**

*We read the psalm responsively.*

**Leader** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.  
Praise befits the upright.

**People** **Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.**

**Leader** Sing to God a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People** **For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all the Lord's work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**People By the word of the Lord the heavens were made  
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.**

Leader God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;  
God put the deeps in storehouses.

**People Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of the Lord.**

Leader For God spoke, and it came to be;  
God commanded, and it stood firm.

**People The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
the Lord frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

Leader The counsel of the Lord stands forever,  
the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

**People Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom God has chosen as a heritage.**

Leader The Lord looks down from heaven;  
the Lord sees all humankind.

**People From where God sits enthroned God watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—  
God who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.**

Leader A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**People The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

Leader Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear God,  
on those who hope in God's steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death  
and to keep them alive in famine.

**People Our soul waits for the Lord;  
The Lord is our help and shield.**

Leader Our heart is glad in the Lord  
because we trust in God's holy name.

**People Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.**

**Scripture** Matthew 9:1-13, 18-26 (page 9)

**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

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 161** **Woman in the Night**

**1** **Woman in the night, spent from giving birth,  
guard our precious light; peace is on the earth.  
Woman in the crowd, creeping up behind,  
touching is allowed: seek and you will find!**

**Refrain** **Come and join the song, women, children, men.  
Jesus makes us free to live again!**

**2** **Woman at the well, question the Messiah;  
find your friends and tell: drink your heart's desire!  
Woman at the feast, let the righteous stare:  
come and go in peace; love him with your hair!**

**3** **Woman in the house, nurtured to be meek,  
leave your second place, listen, think, and speak!  
Women on the road, from your sickness freed,  
witness and provide, joining world and deed:**

**4** **Women on the hill, stand when men have fled;  
Christ needs loving still, though your hope is dead.  
Women in the dawn, care and spices bring,  
earliest to mourn, earliest to sing!**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude** **March in A Major**

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

*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 Liturgy

Today's call to worship is from the Iona Community of Scotland.

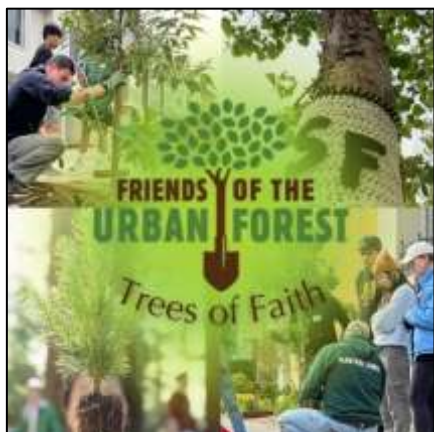
### Today's Coffee Hour

Jeanne Kirkwood has given today's coffee hour to wish all a "Happy Summer!"

### Sign Cards for Branch Bender, for John Brett

At coffee hour today take a moment to sign cards of congratulations: one to Branch Bender upon finishing his undergraduate degree at UC San Diego and another to John Brett upon completing a Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St Paul, Minnesota.

### Planting Trees in Polk Gulch, Saturday, June 27



Old First and our neighbors, St Luke's Episcopal Church, will help **Friends of the Urban Forest** plant trees in our neighborhood on **Saturday morning, June 27**, using a grant from Trees of Faith.

We're hoping that five or more Old Firsters will volunteer to work as a team with the professionals from Friends of the Urban Forest that day from **8:45 am to 1:30 pm**. The variety of tasks means that folk of all strengths and statures are welcome and needed. See Pastor Maggi for the sign-up sheet. When we fill it up, we'll register as a team.

### SF Pride Parade, Sunday, June 28

On Sunday, June 28, Old First will march with the **United in Spirit** interfaith group in the San Francisco Pride Parade. This is a great way to show our support and love for LGBTQ+ folks and to stand in solidarity with other people of faith by doing so.

Join us! We will **gather after Sunday worship on June 28** and together take MUNI from Old First to the parade route. If walking the length of Market Street is not your style, you can ride, wave and smile while seated in the motorized cable car! Help us share our mission of "Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice" in one of San Francisco's biggest celebrations! Let Erwin know that you'll join us.



### Sponsor Coffee Hour

Sponsoring coffee hour is 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.

### Sponsor Flowers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month

To sponsor flowers for worship on the fourth Sunday of a month, simply use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby on the lower level. If you can't get to church, you can also E-mail your information to Brad in the church office: [brad@gmail.com](mailto:brad@gmail.com)

The cost for flowers is \$120. Sign up no later than the third Sunday of the month to have flowers on the fourth Sunday.

### This Week at Old First

#### **Sunday June 7**

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

#### **Saturday June 13**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry  
4:00 pm SF Pride Band in Concert, Sanctuary

#### **Sunday June 14**

11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday June 16**

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

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