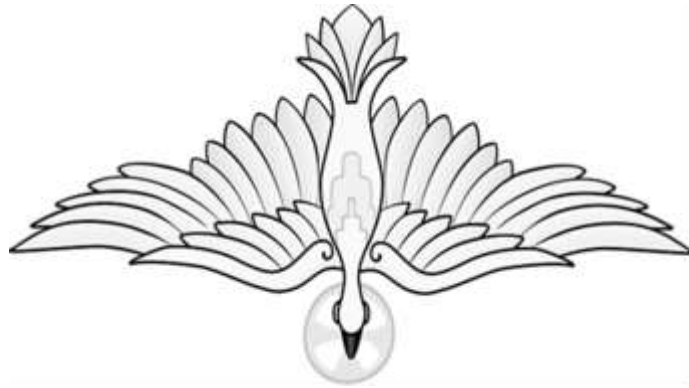


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 14, 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 Andante from *Grande Pièce Symphonique*, Op. 17
Adagio from Chorale in A minor

César Franck (1822-1890)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

Introit

Harmonischer Liederschätz, 1738, No. 16
Attributed to Johann B. König (1691-1758)

O that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with a thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
would then proclaim in grateful songs,
To all wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me.

Johann Mentzer (1658-1734)
Translation: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

***Call to Worship**

Hal Christiansen

Leader On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

People **we come, trusting God will speak to us;
we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

Leader On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

People **we follow, believing Jesus will be with us;
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

Leader On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

People **we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

***Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of
Confession

Hal Christiansen

We hear the call to trust in God always,
but, honestly, some days our stresses and doubts
are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.
We remember how Abraham dared to believe in God's promises,
but belief like that is hard to come by.
We are often inclined to think,
"God helps those who help themselves,"
instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.
When the world seems filled with dangers,
we can be quick to protect ourselves,
and we forget the wisdom of scripture,
which reminds us that we find traces of evil
both outside and inside of ourselves.
With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles,
and we call upon a power greater than our own
to resist their pull.
Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.
Amen.

Inspired by Genesis 15: 1-18

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

Though fear should beset us;
though danger cause us to close up our doors;
though troubles assail and lead us away from the ways of grace;
only one thing is necessary:
Just turn back to God's promise of grace.

People

**We will remember that God is reaching out with loving arms,
and let ourselves be held.**
We will but ask for forgiveness and know it is ours—
know that in the moment we have asked,
in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Response** **In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

We sing the phrase three times.

Musical score for 'In God's Sight' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. 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)'. Chords are indicated above 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: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>*



Solo **Confiance** from *Méditations*, Op. 18

Music and text: Charlotte Sohy (1887-1955)

Comme un enfant met sa main dans celle de son père et se laisse guider par lui les yeux fermés ainsi, mon Dieu, je mets ma destinée tout entière entre vos mains.	<i>Just as a child places his hand in his father's and lets himself be guided with eyes closed, so, my God, do I place my entire destiny in your hands.</i>
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L'enfant ne comprend pas toujours pourquoi le père qui l'aime le laisse parfois gémir et résiste à ses plus câlines instances et moi non plus, Seigneur, je ne comprends pas bien pourquoi vous faites souffrir les pauvres hommes puisque vous les aimez, pourquoi vous semblez sourd parfois aux plus légitimes prières— mais l'enfant qui pleure s'apaise vite entre les bras paternels.	<i>A child does not always understand why the father who loves him sometimes lets him weep and resists his most affectionate pleas; nor do I, Lord, fully understand why you cause poor humanity to suffer when you love them, or why you sometimes seem deaf to the most legitimate prayers— yet the weeping child is quickly soothed in his father's arms.</i>
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Car il sent obscurément que ce père si tendre ne peut vouloir que ce qui lui est bon et moi aussi, Seigneur, je cesse bientôt de heurter ma faible raison humaine à ce mystère.	<i>For he senses, however dimly, that such a tender father can only desire what is good for him; and I, too, Lord, soon cease to batter my weak human reason against this mystery.</i>
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Je sais que vous m'aimez	<i>I know that you love me,</i>
et cela me suffit.	<i>and that is enough.</i>
Comme un enfant met sa main	<i>Just as a child places his hand</i>
dans celle de son pere	<i>in his father's,</i>
je m'abandonne	<i>I surrender myself to you</i>
à tous les yeux fermés.	<i>with eyes closed.</i>

***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**

Cindy Burt

Prayer Partners	Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Logan Donaldson, Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian Dueñas Mayor
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**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

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (pages 13, 16)

Leader	For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God within us, For the Word of God among us:
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People	Thanks be to God!
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Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Moment for Mission Old First Benevolences:
Point of Pride

Erwin Barron

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 51** **To Abraham and Sarah**
- 1 **To Abraham and Sarah**
the call of God was clear:
“Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey,
for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”
- 2 **From Abraham and Sarah**
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word,
“That you shall be my people
and will be your God.”
- 3 **We of this generation**
on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word,
“That you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Postludium

Johann Fink

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 confession and assurance are from the the United Church of Christ’s
Worship Ways Archive: <http://www.ucc.org/>

Today’s Coffee Hour

Tom Culp has given today’s coffee hour in memory of Frank Culp, elder and dad.

Moment for Mission: Old First Benevolences

Old First’s Mission Committee is highlighting some of the non-profit groups outside our church that we support, because they help further our church’s mission of “Sharing God’s Love, Welcome, and Justice... in the world.”



**Point of
Pride**

This week, we focus on a non-profit providing “life-changing access” and “life-saving affirmation” to health and wellness care for trans youth and adults. Point of Pride has awarded \$5,863,000 in financial aid and provided gender-affirming support to people in all fifty states and around the world. They strive to build a world where trans and gender-diverse people of all ages see a bright, safe future for themselves—living their authentic truth. For more information, visit their website using this link or the QR-code on the right: <https://www.pointofpride.org/about>



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 (FUF)** plant trees in our neighborhood on **Saturday morning, June 27**, using a grant from Trees of Faith.

We're hoping that Old Firsters will volunteer to work as a team with the professionals from FUF 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.



If you wish to volunteer, sign up on-line using the Old First sign-up webpage at the FUF. **Even if you signed up on the sheet circulated at church, you'll need to sign-up on-line.** FUF will then keep us together as a team. Use either the QR-code to the left or the link below.

<https://www.friendsoftheurbanforest.org/events/oldfirstpresbyterianchurch-communitytreeplanting>

4th Saturday Community Dinner, June 27

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on June 27, this coming Saturday. 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:

4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org

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.



Pastor Henderson's Sabbatical: July through October 2026

One part of Pastor Maggi's terms of call is the provision for a sabbatical every four years of service: a time of retreat, renewal, and revitalization. Her last sabbatical was in 2022. The coming months will mean rest and renewal for Maggi and revitalization for the church too.

During Maggi's sabbatical, Erwin Barron will be our anchor preacher, and once a month one of our mission partners will take the pulpit. We will also hear from Laura M. Cheifetz, the transitional executive presbyter of the Presbytery of San Francisco, and from Nancy Martin, the synod executive of the Synod of the Pacific. Old First's own elders and deacons will also undertake much of the care for our community, and four neighboring clergy will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

Maggi's last Sunday with us before her sabbatical is Sunday, June 28. She will be back for worship at Old First again on November 1, All Saints' Day. Meanwhile, plan to include Maggi in your prayers over the coming months of her sabbatical.

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 14

- 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

Saturday June 20

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
- 8:00 pm O1C: KITKA, An Evening of Balkan, Baltic, Slavic, and Caucasian Songs for the Summer Solstice

Sunday June 21

- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 4:00 pm O1C: Jason Sia, piano, plays Debussy, Chopin, Ravel and Gershwin
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday June 23

- 6:00 pm Session, On-Line

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