

Worship Through Praising God

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and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.
Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

Prelude	Toccata and Pastorale	Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
	Preludio from Ninth Sonata for Violin	Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Hsiaochien Chuang

Robert Williams (1781-1821)
Harmonized by David Evans (1874-1948)
Annie Smith, soprano

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

***Call to Worship**

Leader Our help is in the name of the Lord:
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Leader The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
People The world, and those who live in it.
Leader This is the day that the Lord has made.
People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader O praise the Lord with me.
People Let us exalt God's Name together.

***Hymn 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.
- 3 Here bestow on all thy servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run!

Prayer of
Confession

Hsiaochien Chuang

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

Silence for private confession

In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

Friends, hear the good news:
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People

Christ himself bore our sins and in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
In the name of Jesus Christ
we are forgiven.

*Hymn 447

The musical score for Hymn 447 is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

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Solo This Is the Time to Pray Martin Broones (1903-1971)
Annie Smith, soprano

This is the time when the world must pray

To see the Father's plan.

This is the time to break down each wall,

And free the suffering man.

This is the time to forget the past,

And find a better way.

This is the time when heart meets heart.

This is the time to pray.

This is the time to be strong and bold,

To fight for what is right.

This is the time for a song of joy

To end the lonely night.

This is the time for the clouds of strife

To fade and melt away.

This is the time for light and love.

This is the time to pray.

This is the time when the streams of hope

Must overflow the land.

This is the time to put all your faith

Into the Father's hand.

This is the time to make war and hate

The dreams of yesterday.

This is the time for peace on earth.

This is the time to pray.

William Aubert Luce (1931-2019)

***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!

Sebastian Dueñas

***Hymn 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full as God command,
and all the stars obey.

2

I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Roseanne Hoo

Prayer Partners Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch; Soodeh Hedayati, Saeedeh Heidari, Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar, Camryn Hollarsmith, Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith

**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 1:1-2:3 (pages 1-2)
John 1:1-14 (page 86)

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

Michael Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 634 To God Be the Glory**

- 1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

- 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Allegro maestro from Chorale and Variations
on *Meinen Jesum lass ich nicht*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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
and for further conversation with Michael Pappas in the Munro Room.*

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Today's Guest Preacher: Michael Pappas

Today we welcome Michael G. Pappas, the executive director of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, as our guest preacher.

Michael was born in New Jersey and graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, after which he successively worked as a lobbyist, regional field director for a presidential campaign, and investment banker for the oldest municipal bond firm in New Jersey.

In 1987, he left the world of politics and finance and enrolled at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, attaining a Master of Divinity with Honors. During his sixteen-year ministry as an ordained priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, Michael served parishes in Illinois and California, and devoted energy to work with the homeless and further ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

After transitioning from parish ministry in 2007, he was selected by the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) for the newly created administrative post of executive director. In his tenure as executive director, Michael has helped to substantially increase the Council's budget and programs; strengthened existing and cultivated new relationships with civic leaders, non-governmental organizations, and congregations; and significantly projected the SFIC through expanded use of technology.

Please bring your cup of coffee and join Michael Pappas downstairs in the Munro Room after today's worship to learn about the work of the San Francisco Interfaith Council. Old First has been a longtime supporter of the Interfaith Council through its mission giving.

Today's Coffee Hour

Madison Germuska and William Eger have given today's coffee hour in celebration of their upcoming wedding, this Saturday, July 18.

227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 22 through July 2. The General Assembly is the deliberative body for the whole PC(USA), of which Old First is an integral part.

In next Sunday's bulletin we will have an insert with more information about the work done and decisions made by the assembly.

Give thanks for those give freely of their time for the work of the church including the important leadership role of the General Assembly.

Pastor Henderson's Sabbatical: July through October 2026

Pastor Maggi's sabbatical continues through October, so during this time of renewal and revitalization, we will also hear a variety of preachers: clergy and other leaders of our mission partners. Next Sunday our parish associate, the Reverend Erwin Barron, will again preach and lead our communion service.

This Week at Old First

Sunday July 12

After Worship Coffee Hour

During Coffee Hour Further Conversation with Guest Preacher
Michael Pappas, Munro Room

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday July 18

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday July 19

11:00 am Worship with Communion

After Worship Coffee Hour

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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