Old First
Presbyterian Church

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 hand it to an usher.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude God's Time Is the Best Time, BWV 106
Toccata in D minor, BWV 565 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Church Life The Reverend Erwin C. Barron
Parish Associate

Introit Alleluia No. 1 Donald Fishel (born 1950s)
Arranged by Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

***Call to Worship**

Leader We come to worship our God today,
remembering he died on a cross.

People **We worship a crucified and risen Lord.**

Leader Our God lived a fully human life, suffered and died,
but rose again.

People **We worship Christ who died**
to show God's love for us and the world.

Leader We are blessed by the sacrificial love of God in Christ
who was killed by evil, and then was raised to new life in victory.

People **We lift high the cross to proclaim the love of Christ.**

All **Let us worship God!**

***Hymn 826** **Lift High the Cross**

Refrain **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,**
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

2 **All newborn servants of the Crucified**
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

3 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,**
your death has brought us life eternally.

4 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:**
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Prayer of Confession

O crucified God, we realize the amazing wonder of our faith
that you died on a cross in order to give us life.
But are we guilty for your unjust death?
Do we crucify you, Lord?

Silence

We crucify you when we ignore the suffering of the sick and
the pain of people who are homeless and hungry and lost.
We crucify you when we allow our sisters and brothers
to be cruelly attacked, unjustly imprisoned, and deported.
We crucify you when we spend extravagantly on things
for ourselves without regard for the needs of others.

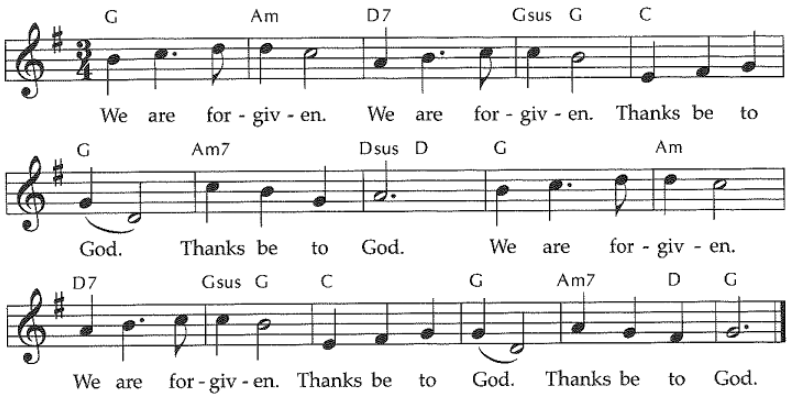
We crucify you when we fail to treat with dignity
people different from us,
especially those whose opinions are different from ours
or whose lifestyles seem odd compared with ours.
We crucify you when we allow fear, anxiety, and hatred
to hold us back from sharing your love with the world.
Ah Holy Jesus, forgive us for our part in your crucifixion.
Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader Jesus assures us that even on the cross,
he has love unswerving and offers us forgiveness.

All **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Hymn 447**



Offering *Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right or this address: https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/*

Anthem Gilbert Martin (born 1941)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

***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 Reverend Erwin C. Barron

***The Peace** Sebastian Dueñas

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

***Hymn 218** **Ah, Holy Jesus** *verses 1, 2, 3 only*

1 **Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,**
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

2 **Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?**
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

3 **Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;**
the slave hat sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6 and Romans 5:6-12, NRSV
2 Corinthians 5:14-21, *The Message* by Eugene Peterson

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 Did Jesus Die for my Sins? The Reverend Erwin C. Barron

Worship Through Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader As we join in this meal, let us pray:
People **Holy God, we celebrate your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal**

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

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 230** **Joyful Is the Dark,** *verses 1, 4, 5 only*

1 **Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God,**
rolling cloud of night beyond all naming:
majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

4 **Joyful is the dark coolness of the tomb,**
waiting for the wonder of the morning;
never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom:
darkness was the cradle of the dawning.

5 **Joyful is the dark depth of love divine,**
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Toccata (abridged)
From *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25 Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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 on the lower level.

This Week at Old First

Sunday	**October 25**
After Worship	Coffee Hour
2:00 pm	Review of Ballot Propositions & Initiatives with Betty Packard Voris, via Zoom
4:00 pm	O1C: Jean Ahn and Ensemble Ari
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	**October 27**
	Church Office Closed
10:00 am	Mural Painting, BofA Parking Lot
6:00 pm	Session, On-Line
Saturday	**October 31 All Hallows' Eve**
9:00 am	Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry.
1:00 pm	Presbyterian Women, On-Line
Sunday	**November 1 All Saints' Day**
	Standard Time Resumes: "Fall Back"
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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Today's Flowers and Coffee Hour

Suyang Shao and JingYing Chen have given today's flowers in worship in gratitude for God's blessings, Suyang's citizenship and his new job.

Linda Reyder has given today's coffee hour in thankfulness for the wonderful guest preachers during the Sabbatical.

Review of Ballot Propositions & Initiatives via Zoom Today, October 25

Please join Betty Packard Voris, member of Old First and chair of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Council, for a review of the ballot propositions and initiatives on the San Francisco and California ballots **via Zoom at 2:00 pm today, October 25**. Having covered all the propositions and initiatives last week, this week Betty will re-visit some of the more complicated ones. (Note: Election Day is November 3.)

To join the Zoom meetings, use either the QR-code to the right or this address: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88276425382?pwd=UT7ja5bu4A3cqXzrYe58ovpBcOtvQL.1

Old First Garage Mural, October 27

We have got a good start on painting the new mural on the wall of our Old First Garage, and Deirdre Weinberg and volunteers continue making progress. We will resume work on the mural on **Tuesday, October 27, beginning at 10:00 am**. We'll announce future dates as we progress with this inspirational mural. If you can help, please let Erwin Barron know.

Pictured left: Randy Smith, Mary Russell and Erwin Barron. Hidden behind the tree: Deirdre Weinberg.

Homework Assignment: Reflecting on Sabbatical

Our four-month sabbatical is coming to an end. On November 1, Pastor Maggi returns refreshed and full of ideas. We will join with her again in sharing God's love, justice, and welcome in ministry together. But let's not forget that we, too, have been on sabbatical, taking this time to reflect on our faith and who we are as God's church in the world.

On Sunday, November 8, Maggi and Erwin will have a dialogue sermon sharing what we have learned, experienced, and observed as a pastor and as a church. To do that, we would like your ideas. We invite you to take some time to think about the last four months in the church.

We have been through some significant events. We discovered a 50-year-old film about Old First and watched together over a delicious barbeque lunch. We said goodbye to some long time members and struggled through health issues with otehrs. We've begun painting an amazing new mural. We have welcomed visitors and guests. We shared communion with Christians worldwide standing around comunal tables. We have had a wonderful variety of wonderful preachers and worship leaders.We learned about life in-between from Saskia, aging into the mystery of God from Jeanne, speaking the voice of faith and conscience to the AI creators from Michael Pappas, and more from other preachers. We have re-examined and explored differing ideas about common Christian terms and beliefs in Erwin's sermons.

So ponder all of this and please let us know what you remember, what you experienced, what you discovered during this four-month sabbatical.

You can pick up the questions to consider in the narthex as you leave worship and also on the website, for which you can use the QR-code at right or this address: https://www.oldfirst.org/ Simply scroll down to "We need your sabbatical reflections" to find both the questions to consider and a button to email your response to Erwin Barron. Your responses are welcome through Thursday, November 5.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, October 31

Old First and St. Luke's volunteers will staff the Food Pantry this **Saturday, October 31**. So mark your calendars and sign up early!

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

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Standard Time Resumes: Fall Back, Next Sunday

In the wee hours of next Sunday, November 1, we will resume Standard Time. Remember to let your clocks "fall back" one hour. Most of our devices make the change automatically. However, if you forget to reset a clock that doesn't, the worst case is that you'll arrive at Old First a full hour early.

Remembering the Saints, November 1

Each year on the Sunday after All Saints' Day, we remember the members and friends of Old First who have died over the past year – since last All Saints' – and give God thanks for their lives.

This year All Saints' Day, November 1, falls on a Sunday. So please let the church office know of the saints in your life whom you would like to have remembered in worship on November 1. Simply notify Brad in the church office **by this Tuesday, October 27, with a) their names, b) your relationship to them, and c) their dates of death.** Either call 415-776-5552, email brad@oldfirst.org or leave a note in Brad's mailbox in the church office.

Old 1st Concerts Gala, November 7

Old First Concerts will hold its **Festival Gala 2026** on Saturday, November 7, from **2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. The gala will consist of three sets of music punctuated by two intermissions. Artists to be featured include the 2025 Opera America Composer of the Year **Jake Heggie**, pianists **Przemek Winnicki, Thomas Schultz, Robert Schwartz, Jeffrey LaDeur, Keisuke Nakagoshi, Sarah Cahill,** and **Monica Chew**, chamber ensembles **Sixth Station Trio, Broderick Ensemble,** and **Strobe**, and composer **Sahba Aminikia**, who has had numerous works of his premiered on the series over the years.

Admission is free, though Old First Concerts hopes for your generosity in donations toward their mission. For more information about the gala and other concerts, visit Old First Concerts' website: https://www.oldfirstconcerts.org/

Perk Up Coffee Hour!

Can you sponsor coffee hour? For a $50 contribution, you – or a group of you – can sponsor this important weekly community-building ministry.

Yes, indeed, hospitality is a ministry! Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entrance to pick a date; then enter your name and a dedication. Your dedication will appear in that Sunday's bulletin. Alternatively, you can contact the church office to find a date and to sign up.