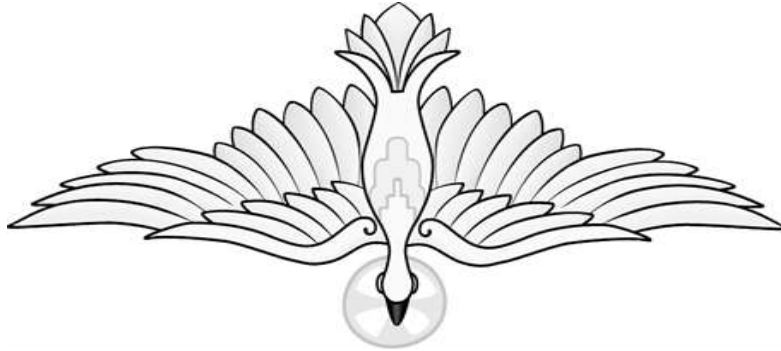


Old First Presbyterian Church



Eastertide June 1, 2025

Worship Through Praising God

Easy-to-use earphones 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	Vigil	Eugene Butler (1935-2024)
Welcome and Church Life		Tom Culp
Introit		Jarron Carlson (born 1999)
	How fresh, oh Lord, how sweet and clean Are Thy returns! ev'n as the flow'rs in spring; To which, besides their own demean, The late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring. Grief melts away Like snow in May, As if there were no such cold thing.	George Herbert (1593-1633)

***Call to Worship**

Tom Culp

Leader Let us start this service well,
by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
People but Christ who chose us;
Leader That we are not here because of our goodness,
People but because of Christ's grace;
Leader That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
People but to allow Christ to enlighten us;
Leader That we have not come to be entertained,
People but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***Hymn 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

1 **Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

**Refrain O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.**

2 **You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.**

3 **You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.**

4 **You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:**

Prayer of Confession

Tom Culp

**We admit, God our Light,
that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart—
a piece of him here to support our politics,
a part of him there to undergird our economic views,
the rest of him to bolster our fears of others.
We could leave immediately to follow him,
but need to wait until we see where he might lead us.
We want you to look upon us with favor always,
but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.
Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures!
Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy!**

Silence is kept.

**May your love become the core of our hearts,
may your compassion become the words we speak,
may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others,
even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader God is our help, so why should we be afraid?
God keeps us safe; there is nothing to dread!
This is good news for all of us.

People **Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love,
we raise shouts of joy:
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***Hymn 466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

To be sung three times by all.

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!**



Offering

Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code at the right.

Anthem

Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
Some sat in darkness and in gloom,
Heads bow'd down with none to help,
But they cried unto the Lord, and He delivered them!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
For His love endures forever.

From Psalm 107

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET: *For tune, see Hymn 265.*

Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

**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.**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the People

Carolyn Asbury

Prayer Partners Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Eva DeLair, James Brown and Isaac Browndelair, Logan Donaldson

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

Matthew 4:18-22 (page 3)
Romans 12:9-21 (pages 151-152)

Leader
People

The Word of God in scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

**1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.**

**3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata

Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

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

However, do please join us for coffee hour!

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Today's Liturgy

Today's Call to Worship was written by Bruce Prewer, and today's Confession, by Thom Shuman.

Today's Guest Preacher: Bruce Reyes-Chow

The Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow preaches for us today. Reyes-Chow is a third generation Filipino/Chinese American and an active speaker, writer, and “coachsultant” on topics of faith, leadership, activism, culture, race, and technology. Ordained in 1995, Bruce was elected moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) – at that point, the youngest ever to hold the office. Bruce is the author of six books, most recently *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith* (Broadleaf, 2024) and *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World* (Chalice, 2022). Bruce and his wife live in San Jose with too many animals and houseplants.

Pastor Henderson returns to the pulpit next Sunday, Pentecost, June 8.

Today's Coffee Hour

Kristi Hoerauf has given today's coffee hour to commemorate the composer George Frideric Handel (1685-1750) and the Foundling Hospital (London, chartered 1739), of which Handel was a benefactor and member of its governing board.

Kristi reports: *Annual concerts of Handel's Messiah were held as fundraisers for the Foundling Hospital. In his life-time, £7,000 were raised. That would be over £800,000 today. He also left a complete score of Messiah to the Foundling Hospital in his will, so concerts could continue to be held.*

Conversation with Bruce Reyes-Chow after Coffee Hour

You are invited to join in a conversation with today's preacher, Bruce Reyes-Chow, following coffee hour: Spend time talking with Bruce about whatever you like!

Bruce continues to navigate a world that is determined to overwhelm hope. Over the past two years, Bruce has travelled to Palestine four times, and visited more than twenty-five congregations to talk about digital ministry, activism, and congregational life. Bruce is also very willing to talk about his pandemic houseplant hangover, his favorite child, Vespa, the English Bull Terrier, and even his rage over the plight of the Oakland Athletics.

**Where's Pastor Maggi?
The Last AIDS/LifeCycle, June 1-7**

Where's Pastor Maggi this week? From early this morning till this coming Saturday evening, June 7, Maggi will again be a roadie supporting the AIDS/LifeCycle, the seven-day bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles that raises funds for the life-saving work of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.



Poignantly for many, this year's AIDS/LifeCycle will be the last. Going forward these two institutions will engage in separate fund-raising programs.

Maggi will return to the pulpit next Sunday, Pentecost, June 8.

To contribute to Maggi's fund-raising, visit her personal fund-raising page using either the QR-code or this address: <https://giving.aidslifecycle.org/participants/pastormaggi2025>

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, June 7



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, June 7**, when volunteers from Old First and St. Luke's staff the Interfaith Food Pantry.

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



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

Pentecost, June 8

The Day of Pentecost, which celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church and closes the fifty days of Eastertide, falls on June 8 this year. The Acts of the Apostles tells us on that first Pentecost, "tongues, as of fire, appeared among them," so wear a **touch of red** to worship on Pentecost in honor of the gift of the Spirit.

Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is a great opportunity for Old First to extend hospitality to both new visitors and long-time members and friends. It's also a great opportunity for you to honor someone or commemorate something. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry. The cost to sponsor coffee hour is only \$50.00.

Pentecost Offering, June 8

The annual Pentecost Offering is one of the four special offerings received each year in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood – a strong start that supports a strong life.

The offering received is divided four ways:

- 40% stays with our congregation to support our own local ministries with children and young people.
- 25% supports the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program serving people around the world.
- 25% supports the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- 10% supports at-risk children by improving education opportunities and safe havens.

You can make your Pentecost Offering by using the envelope that will be included in the bulletin on Pentecost, May 19, or you can make your Pentecost Offering at any time using Old First's on-line donations page: Either navigate to <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//> or use the QR-code to the right. Remember to select "Pentecost Offering" in the drop-down dialog box.



This Week at Old First

Sunday June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter
After Worship Coffee Hour
After Coffee Hour Conversation with Bruce Reyes-Chow
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday June 7
9:00 am Old First and St. Luke's staff the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Sunday June 8: The Day of Pentecost
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
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