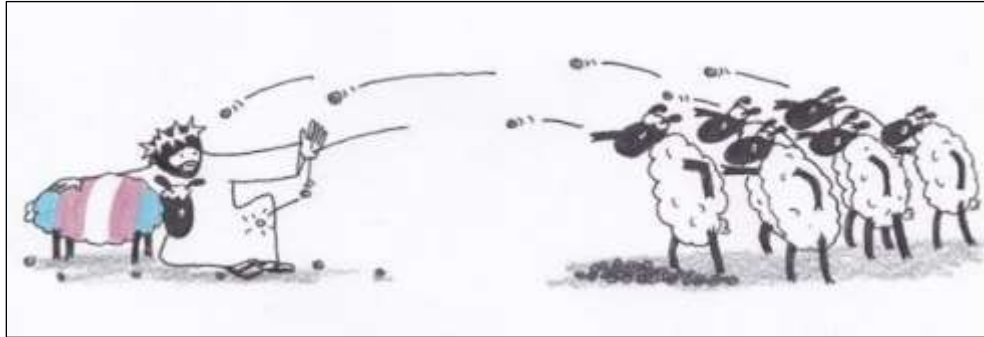


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Eastertide**  
**May 12, 2024**

## 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**

### **Welcome and Church Life**

The Reverend Erwin Barron  
Parish Associate

### **Introit** Psalm 90

Debra Brauner  
Arranged by Dan Tuck

God of Past and God of Future, Ever-Present One,  
You prepared a home for us before the mountains formed.  
Certain as the faithful who have gone before we know  
In the presence of you, God, we find our home.

Fill us every morning with a measure of your love.  
As we seek to serve you, with your kindness cover us.  
May we find your favor in the work our hands have done.  
In the presence of you, God, we find our home.

Teach us to live wisely, God, and teach us to live well.  
May we welcome others to a place where all may dwell  
In one blessed community where grace and love are shown.  
God, through all the generations, you are home.

**\*Call to Worship**

Stephen Taber

Leader We gather here today as God's people.  
**People We gather to worship the God of all.**  
Leader Some of us are women, and some of us are mothers, whom we honor today.  
**People And we all praise God.**  
Leader Some of us are men, and some of us are fathers.  
**People And we all worship the same God.**  
Leader And some of us don't fit into any of these categories.  
**People And yet we all praise and worship the God of love**  
Leader No matter who we are, what we look like,  
or what category we are in, if any,  
**People We are all children of a loving God.**  
All Let us all worship God who loves us just as we are.

**\*Hymn 19**

**God of Great and God of Small**

- 1 **God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and god of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 2 **God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 3 **God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 4 **God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Stephen Taber

Loving God,  
you created us in your multifaceted image  
to know what is right and wrong.  
But we are fallible humans,  
and we often have difficulty knowing what is right.  
We praise the diversity in which you made us,  
but that is not always easy to live with.  
Some aspects of your creation  
are difficult to understand and to accept.  
People are different, and some of them can challenge  
our long-held understandings of how we should be in the world.  
This often leads us to question them and you,  
and to reject and condemn them.

Something as fundamental as male and female genders  
seems obviously true to most of us.  
But many good people are challenging those binary views,  
and we have trouble hearing them,  
much less accepting these radical changes.  
We often end up dismissing, criticizing, and, at worst,  
hating those who don't fit into those categories.  
Forgive us for these sins, O loving God.

*Let us confess in silence.*

**O God of all,**  
when we criticize, reject and hate others who are different,  
remind us that all you created is good.  
Help us keep open minds and liberal spirits  
to hear new things.  
We are all your children.  
Forgive our lack of understanding, our rejection, our fears,  
and our hatred.  
And most of all, help us to love, to love always –  
as you have required of us.  
You are the God of love, and we are people of love!  
Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Our God loves us just as we are,  
in all our various forms, with all of our faults and sins.  
And God promises to always forgive.

People

**Our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us in love to new life.  
And always helps us to love. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sung Assurance**

*We will sing today in the original Taizé tradition, using Latin so people of all languages  
can be united in song and prayer.*

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Ubi caritas et amor / ubi caritas, Deus ibi est**

*(Where there is love and affection, there God also is.)*

Latin, 8<sup>th</sup> Century

**Offering**

*Usbers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering  
electronically using the QR-code to the right.*



**Anthem** Peace Prayer of St. Francis Mari Esabel Valverde (b. 1987)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
And where there is darkness, light.  
Oh, divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francesco d'Assisi (ca. 1181-1226)

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

**Time with  
Our Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Prayers of  
the People**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Prayer Partners Sandra Keyes, Levi Knippel, Nina Krietzman, Marne Krozek, Bobby Lane, Diane Lewis, Betsy Lutz, Cheryl Min

**The Lord's  
Prayer**

**Holy One, our Mother and Father,  
hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**Scripture** Genesis 1:26-27 (p. 1)  
Verse 27 *So God created humankind in God's own image,  
in the image of God, God created them;  
male and female, God created them.*

Acts 8:26-40 (p. 119)

**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** Children of God: Sons, Daughters, and All in Between

The Reverend Erwin Barron

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 27 Sacred the Body**

- 1 **Sacred the body God has created,  
temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.  
Cherish each person; nurture relation.  
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.**
- 2 **Bodies are varied, made in all sizes,  
pale, full of color; both fragile and strong.  
Holy the difference, gift of the Maker,  
so let us honor each story and song.**
- 3 **Love respects persons, bodies and boundaries.  
Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.  
Love touches gently, never coercing.  
Love leaves the other with power to choose.**
- 4 **Holy of holies, God ever loving,  
make us your temples; indwell all we do.  
May we be careful, tender and caring,  
so may our bodes give honor to you.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Traditional Cuban  
Arranged by Brian Tate

Yemaya assesu, assessu Yemaya.  
Yemaya olodo, olodo Yemaya.

**Postlude**

*You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.  
Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.*

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Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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### Today's Musicians

Today Old First welcomes Michael Desnoyers as choral director and Christopher Kula as organist. Old First's music director, Larry Marietta, returns next Sunday.

### Pentecost Art, Today

The Worship Committee needs your help to cut out flames for a Pentecost art piece for the Sanctuary. Scissors and paper will be waiting for you in the social hall next Sunday, May 12, after worship.

### Pastor Maggi, The Round Table, and Corrymeela

Starting May 7, Pastor Maggi will be on an adventure in Ireland with her beloved clergy group called The Round Table. They will start their time together at the Corrymeela Community's center at Ballycastle on the coast of Northern Ireland facing Scotland. Corrymeela was founded in 1965 as a way of building a more peaceful island of Ireland. For more information, visit: <https://www.corrymeela.org/>



### Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 18

Members of Old First and St Luke's combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, May 18. Mark your calendars now. To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



### The Day of Pentecost, May 19

Eastertide comes to a close with the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Day. Pentecost (which means 50 in Greek) celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the church. And since tongues of fire were one of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, why not wear a touch of red when you come to worship on Pentecost, May 19.

### Pentecost Offering 2024

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 which serves communities 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.



**Looking Ahead: Maggi and ALC, June 2-8**

Pastor Maggi will again be a roadie for the annual AIDS/LifeCycle (ALC) from June 2 through June 8. ALC cyclists and roadies come from all over California, the US and the world to raise funds for the life-saving work of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center. To contribute to her fund-raising, visit this URL: <https://giving.aidslifecycle.org/participant/pastormaggi2024>

**Looking Ahead: Larry and Calvary's Choir Tour, June 10-26**

Old First's music director, Larry Marietta, will be traveling June 10 through June 26 with the Calvary Presbyterian Chancel Choir on their performance tour through France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Larry's duties include being registrant for John Walko's accompaniments and organ recital (19<sup>th</sup> century organs have no adjustable registration pistons), acoustic and ambience observer in those huge cathedrals, and general "go-to and gopher" for anything that needs doing. A great amount of planning has gone into this trip, and he is eagerly looking forward to it.

**Mark Your Calendar: Pride Day, June 30**

For nearly three decades, LGBTQ-inclusive congregations and affirming clergy from Northern California have proudly marched together in the annual Pride Parade under the banner of **United in Spirit**, a collective testament to God's extravagant, inclusive love. Join Old First's contingent marching with United in Spirit on June 30. Note: There will be a motorized cable car for those who prefer to ride.

**We also need a volunteer to keep the list of those who plan to join our contingent. If you can do this, please let Brad in the church office know.**

The following groups have already registered: Dignity/San Francisco, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Sha'ar Zahav Synagogue, City Church San Francisco, The Episcopal Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Holy Trinity/La Santísima Trinidad Episcopal Congregation, Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, Muslims For Progressive Values, Mission Bay Community Church, Old First Presbyterian Church, Welcoming Cumberland Presbyterians.



**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 12**

- After Worship Pentecost Art Project at Coffee Hour
- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday May 18**

- 9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

**Sunday May 19 Pentecost**

- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm O1C: Kaitlin Miller, harp
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Monday May 20**

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee, On-Line
- 6:45 pm O1C: Earplay Pre-Concert Talk
- 7:00 pm O1C: Earplay, new works for strings, woodwinds, and piano