

Old First Presbyterian Church



The Day of Pentecost May 19, 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	Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)
	Chorale Prelude on Veni Sancte Spiritus Alec Rowley (1892-1958)
Welcome and Church Life	The Reverend Erwin Barron Parish Associate
Introit	Yoruba Melody, Taught by Samuel Solanke Transcribed and Translated by I-to Loh (born 1936) Michael Desnoyers, tenor
	Wa wa wa Emimimo, Emiolye. Wa wa wa Alagbara, Alagbarameta. Wa-o wa-o wa-o.
	Come, O Holy Spirit, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, almighty Spirit, come, Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come.

***Call to Worship**

Sarah Taber

Leader We come from North and South, from East and West.
People We are gathered here, all in one place in God's presence
Leader We come speaking English, Spanish, German, Chinese, Filipino,
Arabic, Hebrew, and many other languages.
People We worship a God who understands us in all our own languages.
Leader We are old and young, men and women, rich and poor, gay and straight,
Jewish, Muslim, Christian – divided in so many ways.
**People But we all together worship and serve
the same God who loves us all the same.**
Leader On Pentecost, God's Spirit comes down on all of us.
People We worship God who comes to us like wind and tongues of fire.
Leader Come, Spirit of unity, love, and fire, and dwell among us.
All Let us all together worship the God of Pentecost.

***Hymn 289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

- 1 **On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**
- 2 **The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**
- 3 **God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**
- 4 **O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sarah Taber

**O Holy Spirit, you come to us this day
with winds of change and tongues of fire!
We know we should be inspired and energized on this day
to share your good news of joy, peace, justice, and love
with the whole world.
But instead, we too often devote ourselves
only to building our own towers of Babel.**

**We forget about you,
 and we crave only to make a name for ourselves.
 We force everyone to be like us, to speak our language,
 and to build our towers of glory.
 Forgive our self-centeredness and our divisiveness,
 our exclusion of those who don't serve our purposes.
 Remind us that our towers of Babel are not yours!**

Let us confess in silence.

**Bring us together on Pentecost all in one place.
 Forgive our desire to do things in our own way,
 and help us to serve you joyfully.
 Help us not to divide and separate people,
 but to understand each other, each in our own language.
 Forgive our divisions, selfishness and foolish ways,
 and let your tongues of fire leave us all united, amazed
 and filled with the new wine of your spirit. Amen.**

***Assurance of
 Forgiveness**

LIVING GOD (Hymn 288)

Leader Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

singing Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Leader On this Day of Pentecost we celebrate that God's Spirit does fall on us,
speaking forgives us, gathers us together all understanding each other,
 and celebrates us as God's own children. Hallelujah!

**People Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
singing Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.**

Offering *Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using
 this URL: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>*

Anthem Veni Sancte Spiritus, K 47 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
 Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Theresa Cardinale, alto
 Michael Desnoyers, tenor; John DeL., bass

Veni, veni, veni Sancte Spiritus, *Come, come, come Holy Spirit*
 reple tuorum corda fidelium, *fill the hearts of your faithful*
 et tui amoris in eis ignem accende: *and kindle the fire of your love in them:*
 Qui per diversitatem linguarum cunctarum, *Who, through the diversity of all languages,*
 Gentes in unitate fidei congregasti. *You gathered the nations in the unity of faith.*
 Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

***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.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 8); Acts 2:1-12 (p. 111)

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 Pentecost and Babel – A Celebration of God's Diversity
The Reverend Erwin Barron, Parish Associate

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader ... as we join the universe in praise:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader ... as our sacrifice of praise:

People **Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The leader continues the prayer.

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.*

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 300** **They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love**
- 1 **We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**
- Refrain** **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
- 2 **We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *refrain***
- 3 **We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other ; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *refrain***
- 4 **All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *refrain***

***Charge and Benediction**

Choir

13th Century German Melody
Arranged by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Come, Holy Spirit, come, and from Thy celestial home
Shed a ray of Light Divine, Hallelujah!

John Henry Fowler (1858-1933)

Postlude Choral Improvisation, No. 3, from *Pentecost* Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

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Today's Coffee Hour

Sandra Keyes has given today's coffee hour in honor of Larry Marietta, Old First's music director.

Pentecost Offering 2024

Today we receive the annual Pentecost Offering, one of the four annual special offerings 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 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.

This year the Mission Committee will donate a portion of the Pentecost Offering to the Boys and Girls Club, Tenderloin Clubhouse. The Tenderloin is home to more than 3,000 children, largely from immigrant families. The Tenderloin Clubhouse opened in 1996 and serves over 120 youth each day, many of whom live above the Clubhouse. The after school programs include: academic mentoring, college prep, creative arts, health and life skills, sports teams, job readiness, leadership programs and summer camp.

You can make your Pentecost Offering today by using the envelope included in this bulletin or anytime by using Old First's on-line donations page: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/> Remember to select "Pentecost Offering" in the drop-down dialog box.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, May 25

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on Saturday, May 25. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

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 (19th 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 19 Pentecost**
After Worship Coffee Hour
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
- Tuesday May 21**
7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line
- Saturday May 25**
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday May 26 Trinity Sunday**
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday May 27**
Memorial Day: Church Office Closed