

Old First Presbyterian Church



Trinity Sunday May 26, 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	Liturgical Prelude No. 1 "My soul hath a desire and longing To enter the courts of the Lord." George Oldroyd (1886-1951)
Welcome and Church Life	
Introit	Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch c. 1774 Harmonized by Johann Gottfried Schicht (1753-1823) Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain; everlasting is your reign. Attributed to Ignaz Franz (1719-1790) Translated by Clarence Alphonsus Walworth (1820-1900)

***Call to Worship**

Mary Russell

- Leader Friends of God, believe this:
God loved the world. God loves the world. We are the beloved!
- People **May the truth of this great love story
shine through our worship today
and renew our sense of calling.**
- Leader Come with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements.
Come with your doubts, your fears and your longings.
- People **We come to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.**
- Leader Come, in friendship to God and to each other,
Come in friendship to the world.
- People **We come to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.**
- Leader Friends of God, let us worship!

***Hymn Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus**

NETTLETON ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"), Hymn 475

- 1 **Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.
He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."
Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:
"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."**
- 2 **"Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"
Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.
And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!
They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."**
- 3 **God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,
Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have
been.
May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.
Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.**

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**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

**God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people.
When you offer us the promise of a new future,
we complain that you don't get us there fast enough.
When you provide for our needs,
we complain that it isn't enough.
When our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble,
we blame you.**

Let us pray silently.

Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.

Teach us to be patient.

Instruct us to be grateful.

Guide us to be responsible and humble.

As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,

let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.

In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

How much does God love us?

Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us—
not to condemn us, but to save us.

People

Not by our speaking or doing,

but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sung Assurance**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Latin, 8th Century

English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

Offering

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

Solo

Simple Gifts

Quaker Song, attributed to Elder Joseph Brackett

Arranged by Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where it ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,

To turn, turn will be our delight,

Till by turning, turning, we come round right.

***Doxology**

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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

Prayers of the People

Bill Feister

Prayer Partners Jeanne Kirkwood, Alfred Martin and Harriet MacLean, Larry Marietta, Maryam, Dianne Middleton and Logan Donaldson, Pierre Moyé, Lois Nason

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

John 3:1-17 (p. 88)

Leader For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People Sermon

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 **You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**
- 2 **You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

- 3 You sang in a stable; you cried from hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
- 4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Solo

Corner's Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch, 1631
Arranged by William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen us to be,
You have drawn us to your wonder, you have set your sign from thee.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Postlude

Alla Marcia

John Ireland (1879-1962)

You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.

Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee.

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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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Pentecost Offering 2024

You can still make your Pentecost Offering today by using the Pentecost Offering envelope available from the ushers or any time 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.

Food Bank Barrel Challenge, This June

When you go shopping this June, pick up one of these items and bring it on Sunday to our SF/Marin Food Bank barrel found in the Narthex. Make it a spiritual practice to thank God, to feed those who hunger, and to rejoice in God's abundance and your opportunity to practice hospitality. All food donated goes directly into our SF/Marin community.

For June 2 and 9, bring spaghetti sauce and pasta.

For June 16 and 30, bring canned meats and tuna.

No glass containers please! Keep our barrel safe.

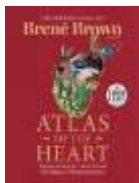
Looking Ahead: Maggi and ALC, June 2-8

Pastor Maggi Henderson 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>

The Reverend Glenda Hope will preach and lead worship on June 2, when Maggi's away.

Next Book Discussion Session, June 10 (Note Date!)



The fifth session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart* will take place via Zoom on Monday, **June 10**, at 7:00 pm. At this session we'll cover Chapter 5 "Places We Go When Things Aren't What They Seem." Please let Maggi, know if you plan to attend. Below is the Zoom link to the Monday night sessions. The link can also be found in Maggi's weekly E-mail on Saturdays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMW10QT09>

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.



Coffee Hour

Would you like to support our life together by sponsoring coffee hour after worship? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. Choose a date, add your name and the dedication to appear in the bulletin, and make your contribution of \$50.

This Week at Old First

- Sunday May 26 Trinity Sunday**
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday May 27**
- Memorial Day: Church Office Closed
- Tuesday May 28**
- 6:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line
- Saturday June 1**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday June 2**
- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor and Moderator
- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
- Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator
- Kristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator