

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, June 30, 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** Two Sinfonias from Cantatas 106 and 156

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### Welcome and Church Life

#### Introit

Brian Mann (born 1979)

Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

For everyone born a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace:

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

**\*Call to Worship**

Roseanne Hoo

Leader We come today, representing all the majesty of creation:  
diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved,  
all made in the image of the Creator of all things

**People We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God,  
who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.**

Leader We come today: LGBTQ and Ally.

**People We come today, knowing God will listen and answer our needs.**

Leader We come today to deliver our joined prayers of hope.

**People We come today, knowing the Creator cares for us**

Leader We come today, knowing that even when others reject us,  
God's arms open wide to embrace and offer comfort.

**People We come, declaring the sanctity of life and the dignity of all.**

**\*Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation**

- 1 **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 **"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee they deepest distress.**
- 4 **"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and they gold to refine.**
- 5 **"The soul that on Jesus had leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

**Confessional Prayer  
for Honesty and  
Reconciliation**

Roseanne Hoo

Leader God of Connection,  
we know we are created to be in relationship with each other  
just as we are created to be in relationship with you.

We know we belong to each other  
just as we belong to you.  
And yet so often we forget each other, we forget ourselves,  
and, in turn, we forget what you have created us for.  
We come together today, as a group, as individuals,  
knowing that one cannot thrive without community  
and that community cannot heal without honesty from its individuals.  
In this spirit, we now come together as a community of individuals,  
to be honest with you, God, and with each other.

**All** **We confess that we too often desire “normal,”**  
**though we know normal is not a thing that exists.**  
**We allow shame to rule us, partitioning off parts of ourselves**  
**instead of celebrating our abundance.**  
**We ignore our history,**  
**without recognizing or caring how doing so imperils our future.**  
**Rather than listening and learning, we assume we know better –**  
**or we assume we know nothing and can never be taught.**  
**We choose**  
**rugged individualism over the vulnerability of authentic community,**  
**convenience over action, ignorance over understanding.**  
**We prioritize our comfort**  
**over the lives of the disempowered.**  
**We prioritize our complacency**  
**over the call of those who have created and led the movement.**  
**We prioritize ignorance and silence**  
**over education, solidarity and speaking truth to power.**  
**We lack imagination, refusing to open ourselves to the possibility**  
**that there can be other ways to do things.**  
**We lack imagination, refusing to take seriously**  
**that there can be other ways to live together.**  
**We lack imagination, refusing to acknowledge**  
**life beyond the binary.**  
**We forget the beauty of our bodies.**  
**We forget the resilience of our spirits.**  
**We forget we are made for joy.**  
**We forget we are made for pleasure.**  
**We forget we are made for relationships.**  
**We forget our value is in our beloved-ness.**

Leader Let us now take time to be honest with God and ourselves  
about the truths in our lives that we need to acknowledge.

*Silent Prayer*

**All** **Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader Friends, as God’s own beloved,  
we are made for joy, we are made for pleasure,  
and we are made for relationships.  
We all belong to one another,  
just as certainly as we all belong to God.

People **We are loved and we are forgiven, we are valued and we are worthy.  
Let us be at peace.**

**\*Sung Assurance** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Latin, 8<sup>th</sup> Century  
English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

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



**Solo** Song of Ruth Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

And Ruth said:  
Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee,  
for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge.  
Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God.  
Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried;  
the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

**\*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**

**Prayers of the People** Kristi Hoerauf, Read by Jeanne Kirkwood

Prayer Partners Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber, Hugh Thacher,  
Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang, Stephen and Betty Voris

**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** Deuteronomy 30:19, Isaiah 56:3-8,  
Matthew 10:40-42, Ephesians 2:13-18

**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** I've Been Changed for the Better:  
Reflections on 17 years of LGBTQ and Pride

Pastor Henderson

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 100** **Canticle of the Turning**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

**Refrain** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

- 3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
 not a stone will be left on stone.  
 Let the king beware for your justice tears  
 every tyrant from his throne.  
 The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
 for the food they can never earn;  
 there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,  
 for the world is about to turn.
- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
 we remember who holds us fast:  
 God's mercy must deliver us  
 from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
 This saving word that our forebears heard  
 is the promise which holds us bound,  
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
 who is turning the world around.

**\*Charge and  
 Benediction**

**Solo** Together We Serve Daniel Charles Damon (born 1955)  
 Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
 the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
 We offer a home to those who will come,  
 our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

**Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God Robert Edward Smith (born 1946)

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

## Old First Presbyterian Church

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



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### Today's Liturgy

Our worship liturgy today is based on resources from More Light Presbyterians (to learn more about them, visit <https://sites.google.com/mlp.org/tempsite/home>), The Episcopal Church, and the United Church of Canada.

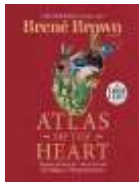
### Today's Coffee Hour

Lori Yamauchi and Jim Fagler have given today's coffee hour to celebrate Pride!

### Thanks a Barrel-Full!

A hearty "thank you!" to all who helped fill the SF/Marin Food Bank barrel with food during the month of June.

### Next Book Discussion Session, Tomorrow



The sixth 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 **tomorrow, Monday, July 1, at 7:00 pm**. At this session we'll cover Chapter 6 "Places We Go When We're Hurting." Below is the Zoom link to the Monday night sessions. The link can also be found in Maggi's weekly E-mail on Saturdays. New-comers are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

### AGO: Organist Rashaan Rori Allwood in Recital, July 2, 1:30 pm

The American Guild of Organists will host an organ recital this Tuesday, July 2, at 1:30 pm as part of its biennial national convention in San Francisco this June 30 through July 4.

The recital will feature Toronto-based organist and composer Rashaan Rori Allwood playing Old First's renowned organ by Visscher Associates, Opus VI (1995). **This recital is free and open to the public.**



### Old First Hosts the "deCycles"

The deCycles, a cross-country cycling youth group based in Bloomington, Indiana, will pedal their bicycles over 1500 miles in twenty-three days from Seattle to Los Angeles along the Pacific Coast. Along their route, Old First Presbyterian Church will open its Fellowship Hall for them to camp overnight from July 3 to 5.

The cornerstone of deCycles is not about a bike trip. It is a *life* trip. Anyone can grow physically, mentally, and spiritually with this type of "pilgrimage."

The deCycles are grateful for once again being able to stay overnight at Old First.

### Coffee Hour

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



### This Week at Old First

#### Sunday June 30

After Worship Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm O1C: "From Rags to Mystics 2," Lee Alan Nolan, piano  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### Monday July 1

7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, On-Line

#### Tuesday July 2

1:30 pm AGO: Organist Rashaan Rori Allwood in Recital

#### Thursday July 4

Independence Day: Church Office Closed

#### Friday July 5

8:00 pm O1C: Jill Morgan Brenner, soprano, Alex Katsman, piano

#### Sunday July 7

11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm O1C: "Songs My Mother Taught Me," AnnaLotte Smith, piano  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

### Old First Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor and Moderator  
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Kristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator