

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, July 7, 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 Mark My Alfred: A Favorite Air with Variations

James Hewitt (1770-1827)

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,
even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message?

People We will listen and we will hear!

Leader Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,
preaching and teaching all who would listen.
Who will hear his message?

People We will listen and we will hear!

Leader Christ sent out disciples two by two,
to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.
Who will hear their message?

People We will listen and we will hear!

Leader God's prophets are among us still,
around the world and in these pews.
Who will hear their message?

People **We will listen and we will hear!**

*Hymn **O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench**
Sung to the tune of Hymn 687 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")

- 1 **O carpenter, why leave the bench
where wood yields to your art,
and take instead, to try your skill,
the stony human heart?**
- 2 **O carpenter, why leave the tools
to carry out your plans,
and go instead to do God's work
with empty, open hands?**
- 3 **O carpenter, why leave the world
of table, bed, and house,
to face the empire's carpentry,
to lift a Roman cross?**
- 4 **O carpenter, why leave repairs
with wood and clamp and glue,
and rise from death to seek instead
to make the whole world new?**
- 5 **O carpenter, who else could do
the work that you have done?
What can we do but sing your praise,
O Savior, Mary's son!**

Prayer of Confession

Kurt Schwartzmann

**You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God.
You call us to serve others,
and we stay in the coolness of our own homes.
You would send us to where the hopeless live,
but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency.
You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word,
but we pull our chairs up to the tables
of those who serve false promises.**

Pray in Silence

**Forgive us, Guiding God.
Transform our defiance into discipleship,
and our rejection of others into the resurrection
of welcoming all people as our sisters and brothers –
our siblings in Christ.
Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us,
and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ
to everyone we meet. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader We open our lips and confess our hearts,
God hears our words and make us new,
sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

People **We hear the good news,
we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news.
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 the QR-code at the right.*



Organ

Jig

William Selby (1738-1798)

***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**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Pat Amdur, Alison Armstrong and Julia, Beth Arnaoot and Liny Adams,
Carolyn Asbury, Erwin Barron and Coy Abellano, Gabriele Beck-Engeser

**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

Mark 6:1-13 (p. 38)

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

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

- 1 **O beautiful for spaces skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plan!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**
- 2 **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating ting strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**
- 3 **O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

Sending Forth

Leader For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to rip, and a time to mend;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4, 7-8

**People So, too, there is a time for movement,
a time for new adventure,
a time for fields of service not yet touched.**

Leader Gabby Beck-Engeser, who has been a part of this church, a part of us, is now moving to Ammerbuch, Germany. Let us join together in blessing her as she leaves our community and moves to a new home.

Loving God, accept our thanks
for Gabby's friendship and partnership
in our life together at Old First Presbyterian Church.

People Bless her, O God.

Leader Provide her a new church home
that will welcome, know and love her,
as we have come to know and to love her.

People Bless her, O God.

Leader Lead her to respond to the love of Christ
in all that she does.

People Bless her, O God.

Leader Let your mercy, grace and peace be present with her
during her move and in her new home.

People Bless her, O God.

Leader Gabby, go forth in the power of the Spirit,
rejoice in the love of Christ and the church, and
let God's mercy, grace and peace flow through you
to all whom you meet; in the name of Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Voluntary William Selby (1738-1798)

*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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On the Cover

The image on the cover is of a painting of St Joseph and the child Jesus in the church of Saint Lawrence in Florence by Pietro Annigoni (1910–1988).

Today’s Liturgy

Today’s call to worship was written by the Reverend Laurel Koepf Taylor, Ph.D., of the United Church of Christ.

Today’s Coffee Hour

Gabby Beck-Engeser has given today’s coffee hour in honor of Old First.

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.

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 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

Sunday July 14

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line

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

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