

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, July 14, 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** Meditation on an Old Irish Air Robert Elmore (1913-1985)

### Welcome and Church Life

**\*Call to Worship** Andrea Segura Smith

Leader We gather in this place to worship our God:  
**People calm Presence in our times of confusion,  
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

Leader We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:  
**People Brother to those swamped by fears,  
Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

Leader We are brought together by the Spirit, who lives in the depths of our souls:  
**People the Serenity who travels with us  
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

- \*Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
  - 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
  - 3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
  - 4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
  - 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Andrea Segura Smith

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace.  
Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us,  
until we come to believe that you do not care for us.  
There seems to be so much wrong in the world,  
we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do.  
The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower,  
unable to find the faith to withstand them.  
We encounter issues which seem gigantic,  
that call for compassion and justice  
but they overwhelm us, so we stay frozen  
and do not follow the path of Jesus.

*Pray in Silence*

Forgive us, God of Hope.  
Remind us that, if we but open our hearts, you will heal us,  
if we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy,  
if we but open our lives to you, we can go forth  
to serve our sisters and brothers,  
even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

**Leader** With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope,  
our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

**People** **Our God affirms us for who we are –**  
those whose brokenness is made whole,  
whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.*



**Organ**

Andante in A Major from III Chorale in A Major

César Franck (1822-1890)

**\*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**

Rick Wiebe

Prayer

George Becker and Christo Bresnahan, Michael and Nina Berg, Lisa

Partners

Bigley, Courtney Blake, Chris and Cindy Burt, Carol Carter, Mary Carter

**The Lord's**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Prayer**

**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**

1 Samuel 17 (pp. 248-250)

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 765** Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope

*We sing the song twice.*

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude** Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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: David and Goliath

The bulletin cover art is by William Henry Johnson, an African-American painter (1901–1970). Born in Florence, South Carolina, he became a student at the National Academy of Design in New York City. He later lived and worked in France, where he was exposed to modernism. After Johnson married Danish textile artist Holcha Krake, the couple lived for some time in Scandinavia. There he was influenced by the strong folk art tradition. The couple moved to the United States in 1938. Johnson eventually found work as a teacher at the Harlem Community Art Center, through the Federal Art Project.

### Preaching Series: King David

Beginning today, Pastor Maggi will be preaching on King David. The scripture lesson will be found in 1 and 2 Samuel. Why not deepen your interaction with scripture by reading the lessons in advance?

- July 21: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
- July 28: 2 Samuel 7:1-14
- August 24: 2 Samuel 11:1-14

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, July 27

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner takes place Saturday, July 27. 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: [4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org)

### 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 14**

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

**Monday July 15**

4:00 pm Finance Committee, On-Line

**Tuesday July 16**

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

**Saturday July 20**

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

**Sunday July 21**

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