

***Call to Worship**

Leader When we are happy,
When we are full of fun and laughter,

People God welcomes us!

Leader When we are angry,
When people let us down and we are sad,

People God welcomes us!

Leader When we are tired,
When we need to stop and curl up and rest,

People God welcomes us!

Leader God of welcome,
God, whose door is always open,

People We are glad to meet you here!

***Hymn 15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
You nurture gifts of fruit and grain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Erwin Barron

Leader Merciful God, we hear the story of David
and we wonder how he could so abuse his power—
serving his own interests in such a selfish way.
How different from the way Jesus used his power—
serving, healing and nurturing others.

**People Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David
more than those of Jesus.**

Leader The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation
by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results,
while Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

**People Forgive us the times when we have yielded
to the temptation of feeding our own interests
to the detriment of others around us.**

Leader David demonstrated how things can get out of control
when God's rules are not followed,
while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace
even into the stormiest situations.

**People We confess that the way of the world reflects more the way of David
than the way of Jesus,
and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened
by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion
in and through all we do and say.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us,
God is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine.

**People So we will hear and believe the good news
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Offering

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Solo

No. 4 "The Call" from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Jarron Carlson, baritone

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

***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**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Waldo Carter, Andy and Yvonne Cheng, Samuel, Joshua and Annie, Ted and Betsy Chiao, Buddy Tate Choy and Jeanne Choy Tate

**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

Selections from 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25 (pages 271-273)

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 417**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife.
In all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Solo How Can I Keep from Singing?

Music and Text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Jarron Carlson, baritone

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Postlude

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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Today's Liturgy and Art

Today's Call to Worship is from *The Pattern of Our Days* by the Iona Community, Scotland. The Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness were written by Moira Laidlaw. The cover art is David and Bathsheba by Marc Chagall.

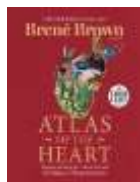
Today's Coffee Hour

Emily Olson has given today's coffee hour to celebrate her birthday, August 7.

Office Admin on Vacation, August 5 Through 16

Old First's office admin, Brad Peterson, will be out of the office for vacation from Monday, August 5, through Friday, August 1. During this time, his voice-mail and E-mail will be checked intermittently for any immediate needs that arise; otherwise, he will catch up with all other messages upon his return.

Next Book Discussion Session, August 5



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 on Monday, **August 5**, at 7:00 pm. At this session we'll cover Chapter 7 "Places We Go With Others" 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=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMW10QT0>

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Old First 175th Anniversary Potluck, August 18

Continuing our observance of Old First Presbyterian Church's 175th Anniversary year, we will be hosting two more potluck luncheons after church on August 18 and September 15, as well as a catered lunch/major party on October 27.

For this month, please plan on joining us in socializing with your Old First family and start thinking about what you'd most like to bring on August 18. As is usual with a potluck, we ask that you bring one or more favorite foods to share: that might be appetizers, casseroles, a chicken or meat platter, miscellaneous salads, hot or cold side dishes, desserts and/or a few beverages. (Wine is allowed.) Let's get together again and have a loving good time celebrating our 175th!



If you *can* come, please RSVP to Sarah Taber – sarah@sstaber.com – to say how many are coming and what all you can bring. (More than one item will be welcomed!) Your RSVP will help greatly in assessing what foods may be needed to supplement and round-out the meal with foods that are already promised!

Presbytery of SF Meets at Old First, August 20

Old First Presbyterian Church has the honor of hosting the meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco on Tuesday, August 20. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, and we will need lots of people to be greeters, helpers, and ushers. Mark your calendar now to help. Speak with Pastor Maggi to volunteer!

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 4

After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday August 5

7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, On-Line

Saturday August 10

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Ground Floor

Sunday August 11

11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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