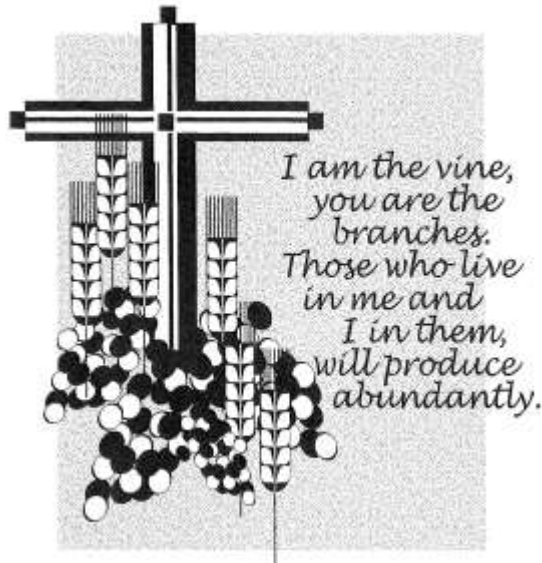


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 18, 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	Communion	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
	Elevation	Louis Janes Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	The Feast Is Ready	Music and Text by Graham Kendrick (born 1950) Sergey Khalikulov, bass
	The trumpets sound; the angels sing; the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes all inside. Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heaven's love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin.	

***Call to Worship**

Tom Culp

Leader If you arrive here hungry
for more of that divine bread which feeds your soul,
then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We the members of this community may sometimes disappoint you,
but God will not: Jesus' grace is sufficient for all your needs.

People **Jesus says: "I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not hunger,
and those who believe in me shall never thirst."
We come hungry to be fed with spiritual food,
thirsty of soul, ready to drink of hope.**

***Hymn 401 Here in This Place**

- 1 **Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**
**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall a waken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.**
**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**
**Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Tom Culp

Gracious and loving God,
open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you
the fullness of our lives—
that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.

Pray in Silence

Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive our sin,
and empower us to be imitators of Christ
in love and service. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Friends in Christ, know this:
The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting,
and you are reminded of this surpassing grace.

People

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.**

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 586. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the treble staves. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

Offering

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



Solo No. 3 “Love bade me welcome” from *Five Mystical Songs*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked anything.

“A guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here:”

Love said, “You shall be he.”

“I, the unkind, ungrateful?”

Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.”

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

“Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.”

“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”

“My dear, then I will serve.”

“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat:”

So I did sit and eat.

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

Scripture Psalm 34:1-8 (pages 480-481); John 6:35, 41-51 (page 92)

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 Holy Communion

***Hymn 507 Come to the Table of Grace.**

- 1 **Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**
- 2 **Come to the table of peace...**
- 3 **Come to the table of love...**
- 4 **Come to the table of hope...**
- 5 **Come to the table of joy...**

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader Peace be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the God of Peace.

People It is right for us so to do.

Leader It is right for us...

...and to enlist us in the service of reconciliation.

**People God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
no longer holding our misdeeds against us.**

Leader We remember you, O Christ...

...to restore the kingdom of this world to the kingdom of our Lord.

**People We remember your death.
We announce your resurrection.
We await your coming.
We receive your presence.**

Leader Remembering Christ...

...Send down the Spirit of life and power, glory and love
upon these people, and upon this bread and wine.

**People That the Bread which we break
may be our communion in the body of Christ,
and the cup that we bless and share
may be our communion the blood of Christ,
that the risen Lord may live in us and we may live in him.**

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People Have mercy upon us.

Leader O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People Grant us your peace.

Leader The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup
All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.
Receive the bread from the pastor, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.
There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.

***Hymn**
Come to the Table of Grace.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Charge and Benediction**

Solo

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you;
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904)

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

Today's confession is based on a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel in her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good." The liturgy for Lord's Supper is from the Iona Community in Scotland.

Old First 175th Anniversary Potluck & Coffee Hour

Join us today after worship for another potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Tracy Clagett has given today's coffee service in memory of Barry Clagett and in honor of what would have been his birthday on August 19.

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!

4th Saturday Community Dinner, August 24

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner takes place Saturday, August 24. 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: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, August 24

Members of Old First and St Luke's combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, August 24. Mark your calendars now. To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



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 August 18**
After Worship Potluck Luncheon
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday August 19**
4:00 pm Finance Committee, On-Line
- Tuesday August 20**
4:00 pm Presbytery of San Francisco, Sanctuary, Ground Floor
- Friday August 23**
8:00 pm O1C: Opening Night of the 7th Annual San Francisco International Piano Festival: "Fauré Centennial Celebration"
- Saturday August 24**
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Ground Floor
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday August 25**
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
4:00 pm O1C: 7th Annual San Francisco International Piano Festival: "Transformations," Asiya Korepanova, piano
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday August 27**
6:00 pm Session, On-Line

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