

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 25, 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 Solo for the Flute Stop, Op. 55 Christian Heinrich Rinck (c.1770-1846)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

Psalm 84, translated by Arlo D. Duba (1929-2023)

***Call to Worship** Eder Dueñas and Sebastian Dueñas

Leader How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

People **This house cannot contain your glory;
even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!**

Leader Happy are those who find their strength in you.

People **Hear our prayers this day, Holy God,
as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!**

***Hymn 402**

How Lovely, Lord

- 1 How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
- 2 In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.
- 3 A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from the life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Eder Dueñas and Sebastian Dueñas

God, our sun and shield, we may long to be in your house,
but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there.
Called to follow,
we search for paths to take us back to our old ways.
Given the words of eternal life,
we weakly proclaim the gospel to others.
Offered the path of salvation to walk upon,
we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.
You invite us not to worry, to trust in you,
but we let worry overtake our thoughts
to the point that we do not see and rejoice in
your amazing creation all around us.

Pray in Silence

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives.
Strengthen us with your Spirit,
so we may serve your people with all that brings them life.
Let your Word, Jesus Christ,
the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior,
be confirmed in us in every word, in every deed, in every thought,
in every moment in the days to come. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Today, we will hear the words of eternal hope.
Today we will trust in the One who hears our prayers,
and showers grace and forgiveness upon us

People

Today, we are set free to serve God's people
and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



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



Solo From the opera *Diomedes oder die triumphierende Unschuld*

Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1640-1749)

Formerly attrib. to J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Du bist bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden
 zum sterben und zu meiner Ruh.
 Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende
 es drückten deine schönen Hände
 mir die getreuen Augen zu.

*If you are with me, I go with joy
to die and to my rest.*

*Ah, how happy my end would be,
were your beautiful hands
to close my faithful eyes.*

***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**

Cindy Burt

Prayer Partners Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian; Augusta Duncan and Dickson
 Adetuyi and Adeyinka; Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi

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 Matthew 6:25-29, 34 (page 6)
Psalm 84 (pages 513-514)

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 22 God of the Sparrow**
- 1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**
 - 2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe
How does the creature say Save**
 - 3 God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**
 - 4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life**

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

***Charge and
Benediction**

Solo

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Postlude

Allegretto

Maurice Green (1696-1755)

*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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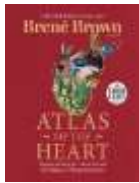
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Today’s Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today’s coffee hour to celebrate her 76th birthday.

What a gift Mary is to the church!

Next Book Discussion Session, September 9: *Note date!*



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, September 9, at 7:00 pm. At this session we’ll cover Chapter 8 “Places We Go When We Fall Short” New-comers are always welcome!

If you’ve downloaded the Zoom App, use Meeting ID: **817 4408 7981** and Passcode: **460421**. If not, simply click on the URL (web address) below or enter it into your computer’s browser. A live link to this URL also appears in Maggi’s weekly Saturday E-mail.

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

Old First 175th Anniversary Potluck, September 15

Continuing our observance of Old First Presbyterian Church’s 175th Anniversary year, we will be hosting another potluck lunch after worship on September 15. Mark your calendar and think about what you might add to the feast.

Special Worship Service and Catered Lunch, October 27

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 27, when we will have a special worship service and a catered lunch celebrating Old First’s 175 years.

Thank You, Presbytery Volunteers!

Thank you to all the people who helped make this past Tuesday’s meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco such a welcoming and gracious event.

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.



A Thank You from a DeCycle

Old First received the following thank-you from Doug Snow, one of the deCycles who stayed over-night at Old First July 3 to 5 during the deCycles' West Coast bicycle pilgrimage.

Hello, I was a rider on the deCycles trip of a lifetime from Seattle to LA and want you to know how much your kindness impacted our amazing journey! It is with sincere appreciation and much gratitude I send you and your entire congregation this note. Each day had its challenges of mountains, miles and traffic. However, your generosity refueled and renewed us so we were ready for the next day. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus! We would have never been able to enjoy all the wonderful scenery and overcome the daily obstacles without you!

Many, many thanks again and God bless you!

Sincerely, Doug Snow

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 25

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

Friday August 30

8:00 pm O1C: 7th Annual San Francisco International Piano Festival: "Schumann & Sherlock Jr.," Stephen Prutsman, piano; Eric Chin & Joseph Maile, violins; Pei-Ling Lin, viola; Jeremiah Shaw, cello

Saturday August 31

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday September 1

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C: 7th Annual San Francisco International Piano Festival Finale:
"Cycles of Life," Kindra Scharich, mezzo-soprano; Gwendolyn Mok,
piano; Jeffrey LaDeur, piano

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday September 2

Labor Day: Church Office Closed

Note: Book Discussion Rescheduled for Monday, September 9

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