



**\*Call to Worship**

Leader With friends and strangers,  
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**People Come among us, Healing God,  
with that love which never ends.**

Leader With faith reaching out to touch,  
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**People Come among us, Friend of the broken,  
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

Leader With word and wonder,  
with silence and song, we wait:

**People Come among us, Dryer of our tears,  
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

**\*Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of Glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of  
Confession

Kurt Schwartzmann

We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God.

Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope.

We want there to be love in the world:

Forgive us not doing the hard work of love  
in our own families and community,  
and for ignoring our neighbor.

We desire peace in the world:

Forgive us for how long we carry hurts and offences,  
and for the pain we inflict on our families and friends.

We want to share with those we love and like:

Forgive us for making our love conditional on the other's behavior,  
and for walking past those who need you most.

Forgive us, Loving God,

that we do not excel, much less work, at all you call us to do.

*Let us pray in silence.*

Give us grace, O God,

to touch those who frighten us,

to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry,

to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet,

even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness

Leader

Listen to the Good News!

Hope in God, for God's love has no ending;

God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

People

God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers,  
redeeming us from all our sins.

Thanks be to God. 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 has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia'. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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



**Choir**

William Mathias (1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother.  
In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;  
In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored,  
Our fragmented lives are knit together.  
And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,  
to the Holy Spirit, we are made whole.  
It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.  
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.  
It is I, the light and grace of holy love,  
It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.  
I am the sovereign goodness in all things.  
It is I who teach you to love.  
It is I who teach you to desire.  
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.  
All shall be well, and all shall be well,  
And all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.

Julian of Norwich (c.1343-after 1416)

**\*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**

Chris Burt

Prayer Partners Camryn Hollarsmith, Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith, Roseanne Hoo, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen Josiah, Cynthia Kang

**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.**

**Choir**

From "A New Creation"

René Clausen (born 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is as strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it.

Song of Solomon 8:6

**Scripture**

Proverbs 31:10-31 (page 579)  
Mark 5:21-42 (pages 37-38)

**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



## Old First Presbyterian Church

Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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### Today's Art and Liturgy

The art on the cover is Daniel Cariola, *Encounter*, 2016, from Encounter Chapel, Magdala (Migdal), Israel. Today's liturgy is based on prayers written by Thom Shuman.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, September 28

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner takes place Saturday, September 28. 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)

### Guest Preacher: Nancy Holve, September 29

During this, our 175<sup>th</sup> year we are welcoming folks who have been part of the Old First community in past years. This coming Sunday, September 29, we will welcome the Reverend Nancy Holve, former intern and Christian Education Director.

### Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, October 5

Members of Old First and St Luke's combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, October 5. Mark your calendars now. To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



### Celebrating Our 175<sup>th</sup> Year, October 27

Our church is proud to be celebrating 175 years of continuous mission here. We have been sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice here on our corner, in our city and in the world for longer than any other Protestant Church in California! And we plan to use October to celebrate! Mark your calendars and make plans!

During October, each worship service will focus on key aspects of our history as we fill in a timeline along the walls of the sanctuary. Preaching each Sunday from a variety of our pastors, will focus on our mission. Most importantly, we will have a big celebration on **Sunday, October 27!** It will include a special worship service and a gala luncheon with a gourmet, catered meal, celebration and Champagne, with special greetings from past leaders, youth, and others. Watch for a special invitation arriving in the mail.

### 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 September 22**

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

**Tuesday September 24**

6:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

**Saturday September 28**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry  
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday September 29**

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
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  
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate  
Larry Marietta Music Director  
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