

Old First Presbyterian Church



Eastertide
May 1, 2022

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Adagio from Symphonie V, Op. 42, No. 1
Andante cantabile (Dolce) from Symphonie IV. Op. 13, No. 4
Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Ye Followers of the Lamb Shaker Text and Tune, 1847
Arranged Philip R. Dietterich (born 1931)

O children, aren't you happy?
O children, aren't you happy?
O children, aren't you happy, ye followers of the lamb?

O, sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel;
O, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!
O, sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel;
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

***Call to
Worship**

AnnieScott Rogers

Leader Now is the time to sing!

To sing the good news of God:

**People Who awakens us with dawn's embrace,
who surrounds us with joy and life.**

Leader Now is the time to offer praise to God,
in every place, with every voice:

**People To rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

Leader Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**People We will sing the good news of Easter.
We will rejoice in the God who loves us!**

***Hymn 236 The Strife is O'er**

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

AnnieScott Rogers

Now that Easter Day is past, Holy One,
we no longer hear the special music,
but listen to temptation's familiar refrains.

We no longer walk the Spirit's paths of joy and wonder,
but wander the misleading streets of our old haunts.
Rather than living in the newness you bring,
we do things the way they have always been done.
Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts,
you know the way out of our messy lives,
and so take us by the hand to lead us.
You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars
so we may spend more time
with those who need our love and attention.

Silence is kept.

You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries,
so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy
offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Why should we weep?

Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives.
The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us,
so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

People

**We will lift glad songs of joy,
for all the blessings God has given to us.
We will offer our hearts and hands in love and service to others.
Thanks be to God: We are forgiven!**

Offertory

Ushers will receive the offering at this time.

Music and Text: Ed Harris (1943-2006)
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Follow in the path of the Good Shepherd,
follow all the ways of God.

God is our Shepherd and we are God's sheep,
sometimes we wander where it is steep.
If we should falter, if we should stray,
Shepherd, show us the way.

You are our Sovereign, and honor we bring,
make us more worthy Your praises to sing.
Make us more worthy day after day.
Oh, Shepherd, show us the way.

And we will follow in the path of the Good Shepherd,
follow all the ways of God.

The Peace

Leader

Please remain seated for the Peace.

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with
Our Children**

**Prayers of the
People**

Eva DeLair

Prayer Partners Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross

**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

John 21:1-14

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 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness**

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

**Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**3 Longing for good, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

You may also place your offering in the basket as you leave the church or may make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First's on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: www.oldfirst.org.

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

One Great Hour of Sharing

You can still make your contribution toward the annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. If you were “feeding” a fish-box, please place it in the offering basket in the narthex. And you can always use the electronic **kiosk in the narthex** or visit our website’s link to our donations page: www.oldfirst.org

Ballot Review with Betty Voris, May 15

Betty Packard Voris, chair of San Francisco’s Ballot Simplification Committee, will review the June 7 ballot with us on Sunday, May 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom. Watch the E-mail News from Pastor Maggi for the invitation to the Zoom meeting. To sign up for E-mail News from Old First, simply visit our website: www.oldfirst.org

We’ve Come this Far by Faith: Songs from the Black Experience, May 22

The **Racial Justice Task Force of Old First** is thrilled to present **Terence Elliott, Ed.D.** and **Nymani Music** in a journey through the history of the African American experience through music. Dr. Elliott, a professor of music and African-American history, will be giving a lecture and performance focusing on “Spirit, Rhythm, and Story: Community Building and Healing through Song” on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm. Please join us for an uplifting journey through Black American music.

Venue: St Luke’s Episcopal Church, Van Ness Avenue at Clay Street (just one block away from Old First). Suggested donation: \$20. Masks required.

AIDS LifeCycle 2022, June 5-11

This year **Pastor Maggi** has committed herself to being a roadie for the annual AIDS LifeCycle (ALC). Roadies are the 650+ hardworking individuals who volunteer their time all week to support the 2400+ ALC cyclists who will pedal their bikes from San Francisco to Los Angeles, June 5 through 11. Like the cyclists, roadies raise funds that benefit the work of the **San Francisco AIDS Foundation** and the **Los Angeles LGBT Center** in reducing new HIV infections and improving the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS.

To encourage Maggi and to promote the life-saving work of these two institutions, simply visit Maggi’s ALC donation page - www.tofighthiv.org/goto/maggilu2022 - and be generous.

And, if you too would like to help, **one-day volunteers are still needed** to help with tasks on Orientation Day, Saturday, June 4 at the Cow Palace. To volunteer, fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/3Q4aPHGpnooTpgDb6> and ALC’s Wendy Hiller will get you signed up!