

# Old First Presbyterian Church

He drew a circle that shut me out—  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in.

Charles Edwin Anson Markham (1852-1940)

**Eastertide**  
**May 22, 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

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** Sanctuary

Randy Scruggs (1953-2018)  
John W. Thompson (born 1950)

God prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true,  
And with thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader Gather us, O God,  
**and we will know your life makes us one.**

Leader Gather us, O God,  
**and we will celebrate our variety and uniqueness.**

Leader Gather us, O God,  
**and we will share the gifts of your Spirit.**

Chris Burt

Leader Trinity of Love, bind us as one...  
People that our brokenness be healed by you,  
that our fears be held by you,  
that our gifts be used by you,  
so that the world may believe.

**\*Hymn 244 This Joyful Eastertide**

- 1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.
- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ, who once was slain...
- 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, who once was slain...

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Chris Burt

God of Mercy,  
your command to love one another  
across all differences  
opens us to new horizons;  
yet we often respond with fear and judgment  
that hinder your goal for humanity.  
Forgive our sins, we pray,  
and give us a true repentance  
that leads to life for all creation.  
Let us confess the ways  
we make distinctions between them and us,  
and assume that we are always the "us."

*Silence is kept.*

When we draw the line to keep people out,  
you redraw the line to include everyone.  
May we learn from your expansive love  
and unlimited forgiveness.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader God's promises are trustworthy and true:  
Your sins are forgiven.  
People May we be at peace to serve the Lord,  
and may we always be known by our love.

**Offertory** *Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*

Sommarpsalm

Waldemar Åhlén (1894-1882)

Edited and Translated by Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

The earth adorned in verdant robe  
Sends praises upward surging,  
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers  
From winter now emerging.  
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light  
To budding blossoms tender,  
Proclaiming summer splendor.  
From out the wood the birds now sing  
And each its song now raising,  
To join with all the universe  
In voicing thankful praises.  
With hope and joy their songs employ  
A rapturous exultation  
In praise of God's creation.  
O God, amid these joys of life,  
Creation's glory beaming,  
Grant us the grace to keep your word,  
And live in love redeeming.  
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade,  
And time is fleeting ever;  
God's word remains forever.

**The Peace** *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

### Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with Our  
Children**

**Scripture** Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18  
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

Leader It is the Risen Lord, who welcomes us to in this meal.

People **We come to feast on life and peace.**

Leader Here, the Gardener of life plants seeds of hope and wonder.

People **We nourish them to produce bouquets of grace for others.**

Leader Here, the Singer of lyrics of goodness teaches us new songs:

People **Songs of how death has no more power over us.**

*The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving.*

**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.**

**The Lord's  
Supper**

*All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Simply follow the directions of the pastor.*

**Music During  
Communion**

**Come to the Table of Grace**  
*Please use Hymn 507 to focus your mind and heart on communion.*

*Before you receive communion sing Verse 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.**

*Then partake in communion, and afterward sing Verses 4 and 5:*

**Come to the table of hope...  
Come to the table of joy...**

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 288**

**Spirit of the Living God**

*We sing the hymn three times through.*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude**

*You may 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](http://www.oldfirst.org).*

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

**Guest Musicians: Michael Desnoyers, Joan O'Connor**

We thank Michael Desnoyers, today's music director, and Joan O'Connor, today's organist, for leading our music in worship.

**We've Come this Far by Faith: Songs from the Black Experience, Today**

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.

**Memorial Day, May 30**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Pentecost Offering, June 5**

Pentecost Offering 101:

*How is my gift used?* A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

*How can I give?* You can make a donation in cash or by check on Pentecost, Sunday, June 5 (mark your check "Pentecost Offering!"), OR you can use our electronic kiosk in the narthex, OR you can give on-line: simply visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost>

**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](http://www.tofighthiv.org/goto/maggilu2022) - and be generous. No gift is ever too small... or too large.

PS: "Thanks to everyone who's made a contribution! Let's keep the generosity flowing!" -Maggi

**Memorial Service for Lorraine Bellesi, June 19**

After worship on Sunday, June 19, we will gather to remember Lorraine Bellesi, who died this past March. We will meet in the church at 2:00 pm. Bring your favorite memories as with family and friends we give thanks for Lorraine's life.

### AV Streaming Crew Volunteers Needed

Would you like to try your hand at livestreaming our Sunday worship services? We're looking for volunteers to become part of our AV Streaming Crew that livestreams our worship services on-line. You don't have to have experience – we didn't! We'll provide you with all the training and detailed instructions you need. You'll be part of a team that will share the Sundays so everyone takes a part and no one gets overwhelmed.

E-mail us today and let us know you'd like to try it. We're looking forward to working with you!

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### O1C Needs Volunteer Ushers

Enjoy free concerts, make new acquaintances, and support one of your favorite non-profit organizations! Volunteering with **Old 1<sup>st</sup> Concerts** is a wonderful opportunity for students, seniors, or anyone with a passion for music, and... we'll work with *your* schedule and availability!

Send an E-mail to O1C house manager Curtis Huth today: [curtishuth@oldfirstconcerts.org](mailto:curtishuth@oldfirstconcerts.org)