Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, July 10, 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	Prelude and Trumpetings	Myron Roberts (1912-2004)
Welcome and Church Life		Jeanne Kirkwood

*Call to Riley Kramar

Worship
Leader To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.
People O God, it is you whom we trust.
Leader Help us to know your paths, O Lord.
People Lead us in your truth and teach us.
We offer you our thanks and praise.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

- 2 Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.
- 3 Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
 There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 4 You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness.

Hear us now as we pray in silence

Silence is kept.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader Hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

People Through Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness.

Leader May God strengthen us to live into that forgiveness.

People Friends, let us believe that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Offering Ushers will receive the offering at this time.

Solo O Love Divine Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

"Breit über mein Haupt" from *Lotosblätter*, Op. 19, No. 2 Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Love, O Love divine,

Whose constant beam shines on eyes that will not see, And waits for to bless us while we do sleep. Nor leaves us tho' we do turn from Thee. O shine Thy light tenderly, Wide as our need Thy favors fall, The Light of Christ o'er flows.

> John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) Adapted Colette Collester (1941-2021)

The Peace Please remain seated for the Peace.

Leader Peace be with you.

People And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the John Kramar

People

Prayer Partners Dortha Reade, Linda Reyder, Lisa Robechek, AnnieScott Rogers, Jack Rozzell,

Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi and Saeedeh Heidari

The Lord's Our Father, who art in heaven,

Prayer 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 Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37

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 God's Unbounded Love The Reverend Leslie Veen, DMin

Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, PLTS

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 765 Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

¿Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
 El mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
 Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz, luz y esperanaza en la oscuridad.
 Oremos por la paz,
 Cantemos de tu amor.
 Luchemos por la paz, fieles a ti, Señor.

3 May the God of hope go with us every day... (repeat Verse 1)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Allemande

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

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

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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Today's Guest Preacher: Leslie Veen

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Leslie Veen, DMin. Dr. Veen is the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, an ordained teaching elder (minister of word and sacrament) in the Presbyterian Church (USA), a member of the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of San Francisco, and a parish associate for Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Inner Sunset. Her doctor of ministry dissertation examined the Holy Trinity, *perichoresis* and the church as a community.

Leslie has a deep desire to help people discern and follow God's calling for their lives and to deepen their connection with the Divine as they do so. Leslie has been a resident of San Francisco for over 25 years and loves finding new ways to appreciate the beauty and creativity of the area every day.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Arlene W. Gordon

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be the Reverend Arlene W. Gordon, DMin. Dr. Gordon is an honorably retired teaching elder (minister of word and sacrament) in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Arlene retired as the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida in 2010. Upon retirement, she continued to serve the church as a parish associate at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami until her return to the Bay Area. She recently completed eight years as a director for the Board of Pensions. She has served as pulpit supply and bridge pastor for many congregations, as interim executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Detroit, and as an associate at the office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. Arlene was ordained as associate pastor at Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church, Richmond, California, and is currently a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco. She received her Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

Holy Communion, July 24

On Sunday, July 24, Old First will celebrate Holy Communion. Whether you join us in person or on line, prepare yourself for the nourishment and empowerment of the Lord's Supper.

We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, July 30

We need your hands! The City needs your hands! Jesus needs *your* hands! Without your hands, Old First won't have enough helping hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, July 30. But you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. The pantry coordinators will thank you! The clients will thank you. You'll have fun. You'll be part of the solution to food insecurity in our neighborhood. For more information, check with Riley or John Kramar. They will thank you.