

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, July 24, 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	Four Movements from Partita on DUKE STREET Charles Callahan (born 1951)
Welcome and Church Life	Eva DeLair
*Call to Worship	Tom Culp
Leader	God, we come to you with voices raised and spirits high.
Right Side	We are here knocking on your door.
Left Side	We are here knocking on your door.
All	We are here knocking on your door.
Leader	Everyone who asks receives.
Right Side	Everyone who searches finds.
Left Side	For everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
All	Let us worship God!
Prayer of the Day	

***Hymn 265 Jesus Shall Reign**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of very tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Tom Culp

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.
We run from you, but you call us back.
In our words and our deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.
We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.

Silence is kept.

**Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Hear the good news! When we were buried with Christ in baptism,
we were also raised with him through faith in the power of God.
By that power we are made clean
and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal.

People

**As we have received Christ Jesus,
let us continue to live our lives in Christ,
rooted and built up in Christ
and abounding in thanksgiving.
Thanks be to God!**

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

Solo Benedictus

Brian Lewis (born 1970)
Julia Fearon, soprano
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Benedictus qui venit *Blessed is the one who comes*
in nomine Domini. *in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis! *Hosanna in the highest!*

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Hymn 695 **Change My Heart, O God**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**Prayer of
Illumination**

Scripture Luke 11:1-13

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 When We Pray...

The Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin

Worship Through Holy Communion

Hymn 769 **For Everyone Born**

1 **For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead...**

Refrain **And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!**

2 **For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair...**

- 3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong...
- 4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live...
- 5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free...

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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...

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 175 Seek Ye First**

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata from Partita on DUKE STREET Charles Callahan (born 1951)

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.

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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: Sarah Reyes Gibbs

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. Dr. Reyes-Gibbs has just finished a three-year transitional/interim position with New Bridges, Hayward, after retiring in 2017 from her first call lasting nineteen years with Bethel Community Church, San Leandro. Not embracing retirement well, she continues to serve as a consultant with churches focused on transformation and with other presbyteries addressing ethnic concerns.

Before ordained ministry, Sarah served the Stockton Unified School District as an elementary and high school teacher for eight years, as a coordinator for a Drug Free School Zone at Edison High School, Stockton, and before that as a legislative assistant with the California legislature twenty years.

In addition to raising four children, Sarah also earned a bachelor at the age of 40, received her Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis on administration, received her Master of Divinity at age 50, and received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on parish redevelopment at age 60. Pastor Sarah's perspective on life and faith is shaped by her trust in God and her experience as a Filipina-American, pastor, wife, mother of four, *lola* (Filipino for grandmother) of fifteen, and much more!

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.

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!

Chris Burt – chris.burt@oldfirst.org, Kim Pham – kim.pham@oldfirst.org

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