

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, August 7, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Adagio, Allegretto	William Wolstenholme (1865-1931)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Michael Berg
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		John Kramar
Leader	Happy are those whose God is the Lord.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield.</b>	
Leader	Our heart is glad because we trust in God's holy name.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.</b>	
Leader	Let us worship God!	
<b>*Hymn 393</b>	<b>O Day of Rest and Gladness</b>	
1	<b>O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.</b>	
2	<b>On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.</b>	

3 On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

Prayer of  
Confession

John Kramar

Merciful God,  
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done, and  
in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance.  
We have sinned in weakness.  
We have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.

*Silence is kept.*

Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

Assurance of  
Forgiveness

Leader Scripture assures us that God receives our prayers and loves us still.

People **Thanks be to the God of steadfast love.**

Leader We are told that, as far as the East is from the West,  
so far is our sin removed from us.

People **Thanks be to the God of steadfast love.**

Leader Let us know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People **Thanks be to the God of steadfast love.**

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

Solo Cords of Love

Quaker Text and Tune by Brother William Canterbury, NH, 1847

Arranged by Kevin Siegfried (born 1969)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano

How blest are the souls, Who walk in pure Wisdom,  
Whose feet are well planted in virtue's fair soil,  
Who cheerfully worked in Mother's pure garden,  
And for her Rich Blessings do willingly toil.

Such shall dwell in glorious Mansions,  
Yea soar in bright glory above,  
There sing forever, yea ever and ever,  
Encircled with cords of the purest Love.

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 People**

Steve Taber

Prayer Partners Pat Amdur, Alison Armstrong and Ken Kiplinger and Julia, Beth Arnoot and Liny Adams, Carolyn Asbury, Joe Ballard, Erwin Barron and Coy Abellano

**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**

Genesis 15:1-6 and Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**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**

You Gotta Have Faith

The Reverend Leslie Veen

**Worship Through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice  
and cry, "My Lord and God!
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.
- 4 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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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 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.

**Remembering Lorraine Bellesi, August 14**

Karen and Terri, daughters of our late member Lorraine Bellesi, have shared this wonderful information: “At the Giants game on August 14 (begins at 1:05 pm), the tribute to Mom will happen around the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, up on the scoreboard. We’ll be in Club Level section 228, making noise!”

**Next Sunday’s Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs**

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be 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!

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