

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, August 28, 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>	Toccatina in G Minor, BWV 915	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Jeanne Kirkwood
Leader	This is the day that God has made.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</b>	
Leader	God calls us together in the Spirit.	
<b>People</b>	<b>God gives rest to the weary; God gives healing to the sick.</b>	
Leader	God gives joy to the sorrowful; God gives welcome to the lost.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
Leader	Let us worship God, the Source of Life—	
<b>People</b>	<b>Let us worship God, the Sustainer of Life—</b>	
Leader	Who comes to us by the Spirit,	
<b>People</b>	<b>And is known to us in Christ Jesus.</b>	

*Adapted from *Voices United*, United Church of Canada*

**\*Hymn 401 Gather Us In**

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Leader Lord, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
Yet your ways are not our ways;  
your thoughts are not our thoughts.

**People Forgive us when we forget you, O Lord.**

Leader Forgive us when we only think of ourselves  
waiting for you to respond to our requests  
and neglect to ponder when you are waiting for us to respond to your call.

**People Forgive us for trying your patience, O Lord.**

**Hear now our individual prayers.**

*Silence is kept.*

Leader Amen. Lord, have mercy on us.  
People **Christ, have mercy on us.**  
Leader There is no other source of Life but you, O God.  
People **Purify us. Restore us. Recreate us. Amen.**

Adapted from *In Spirit and In Truth Worship Book*, World Council of Churches, and from W. Brueggemann's, *Prayers for a Privileged People*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader Sisters and Brothers, here is Good News:  
Christ Jesus came that we might have life—life in all its fullness:  
People **To forgive us in our failure; to accept us as we are;**  
Leader To set us free from the power of self-destructive attitudes and activities;  
People **To make us what we were meant to be.**  
Leader Believe the Good News: In Christ we are forgiven.  
People **Thanks be to God!**

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**Offertory**

*Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*

From *Biblical Songs (Biblické písně)*, Op. 99, No. 5

Antonín Leopold Dvořák (1841-1904)

Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.  
Every day will I extol Thee, and I will bless Thy holy name.

Great is God and great God's mercy;  
Who shall tell of God's greatness?  
Who shall God's power declare?

My song shall be of praise and honor,  
and of Thy great and glorious acts,  
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.

Yea, all shall tell of Thy great kindness,  
and of Thy wond'rous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory!

Psalms 144:9 and 145:1-3, 5, 6,  
translated from the 16th C. Czech *Bible of Kralice*

**The Peace**

Leader *Please remain seated for the Peace.*  
Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture** Luke 11:1-10 and 22:7-30

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** From Partaking and Eating to Participating and Embodying

The Reverend Virstan Choy

**Worship Through Holy Communion**

**Invitation to  
the Lord's  
Table**

**The Great  
Thanksgiving**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Leader God our Creator, it is truly right to give you thanks...

Therefore, remembering Jesus' sacrifice with thankful hearts,  
we offer ourselves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
dedicated to your service.

**People We do this, remembering his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
awaiting his coming in glory.**

*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 Words of  
Institution**

**The Bread and the Cup** *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Simply follow the directions of the leaders.*

**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...**

**Prayer after  
Communion**

Leader Life-giving God, we thank you:

**People for the bread and the cup which we have shared,**

Leader for the life we have received from Christ,

**People for the Body of Christ we are called to be in our time.**

Leader As we prepare to go from this service out into your world,  
may we not only pray for your kingdom to come.

**People May we also practice that kingdom of love, justice and peace  
in our daily living**

Leader So that others may preview that kingdom  
as we embody the Good News of Christ,

**People and as we embody Good Trouble  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*Adapted from Voices United, United Church of Canada*

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

**\*Hymn Come Bear Witness**

Words: Gregory Bentley and Elona Stewart-Green, Music: Phillip Morgan

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*The soloist sings the first English verse once alone. Then the congregation joins in repeating that first verse and continues with the other two English verses.*

(opt. leader)  
Will you come bear witness with me?  
합 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
Te u - ni - ras en mi pa - de - cer?  
Will you come sit qui - et with me?  
Will you come seek jus - tice with me?

(all)  
Will you come bear witness with me? (with me)  
합 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
Te u - ni - ras en mi pa - de - cer;  
Will you come sit qui - et with me?  
Will you come seek jus - tice with me?

Am Em F C Am Em F E7

When my hope is sink-ing down, when there's trou-ble all a-round,  
 사 방 이 다 막 혀 있 을 때, 희 망 이 무 너 질 때,  
 cuan - do nos po - nen ca - de - nas, cuan - do mar - cha - mos con pe - nas,  
 When I can - not find a way, when it e - ven hurts to pray,  
 When our peo - ple suf - fer wrong, when op - press - ion's grip seems strong,

Am Em F D7 N.C.

when I feel I've al - most drowned: (opt. leader) Will you  
 죽 음 의 문 턱 에 있 을 때, Will you  
 cuan - do o - tros e - na - je - nan? 함 께  
 when there's noth - ing left to say, Can - ta -  
 still we pray, "how long?" long?" hum -  
 Will you

C F Am F C G7 C

come bear wit-ness with me? (all) Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 증 인 되 어 줄 래? 함 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
 rás con - mi - go sin fin? Can - ta - rás con - mi - go sin fin?  
 come bear wit-ness with me? Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

**\*Charge and Benediction**

- Leader** Let us now go out into the world in peace:  
Have courage; hold on to what is good;
- People** **return no one evil for evil;**
- Leader** strengthen the fainthearted;
- People** **support the weak and help the suffering;**
- Leader** honor all people;
- People** **love and serve the Lord;**  
**rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Postlude** Fugue in D Major from the Well Tempered Clavier Book 1, BWV 850/2  
 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

### **Old First Presbyterian Church**

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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 New Hymn: Come Bear Witness**

Today Old First is learning a new hymn: *Come Bear Witness* with words by Gregory Bentley and Elona Stewart-Green and music by Phillip Morgan. Composed just this year, the hymn was learned and sung during worship at the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held in June and July of this year. The Mid-Kentucky Presbytery of the PC(USA) holds the copyright to both words and music, and has graciously granted permission to all agencies and congregations of the PC(USA) to use them in worship.

Today we will learn the tune and the English verses. We will save the Korean and Spanish verses for the future.

For more information about the use of the hymn at GA or about GA generally, speak either with Old First member Lori Yamauchi or with our guest preacher, Virstan Choy.

### **Today's Guest Preacher: Virstan Choy**

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Virstan Choy. Mr. Choy has been a minister of Word and Sacrament (teaching elder) in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1975.

Virstan is thankful to God for his initial introduction to Christ through the youth group leaders, the church school teachers as well as the pastors at the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and at Cameron House, for the nurture provided by seminary instructors at Princeton and San Anselmo, for wisdom received from lay leaders in the first congregation he served as pastor, the Sacramento Chinese Community Church, for insights from colleagues throughout his service as Associate Executive Presbyter in the San Jose Presbytery and Co-General Presbyter in the San Francisco Presbytery, and for enriching collaborations with fellow faculty at San Francisco Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary. He also appreciates learning from the congregations, and denominational and ecumenical bodies which he has assisted as workshop leader and consultant—*congregations like Old First and its 1996 "Postcards from the Edge" Retreat at Westminster Woods and its hosting of the 1999 National Presbyterian Urban Ministry Conference!*

Virstan is also grateful to God for his spouse, Marina Lew, as they transition into retirement, enjoying sacred moments with family in international travel, at Broadway musicals, and supporting Cal Women's Gymnastics.

**Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Jeanne Choy Tate**

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be Jeanne Choy Tate. Dr. Tate is an author, early childhood educator, multicultural curriculum developer, and lay pastor.

After eighteen years as members of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown, Jeanne Choy Tate and Buddy Tate Choy (along with then baby Jamie) crossed over Nob Hill to become members of Old First. While a member of Old First, Jeannie became a Commissioned Pastor at Noe Valley Ministry, where she is now a member. Buddy has retained his Old First membership. After many years working in bilingual/bicultural childcare, Jeannie received a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She later published her thesis as a book, *Something Greater: Culture, Family and Community as Living Story*. Today she continues to work for racial justice in the West Bay Region of Presbytery.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday August 28**

4:00 pm Old First Concerts: Greek Chamber Music Project

**Saturday September 3**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk

**Sunday September 4**

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

**Monday September 5, Labor Day**

Church Office Closed

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