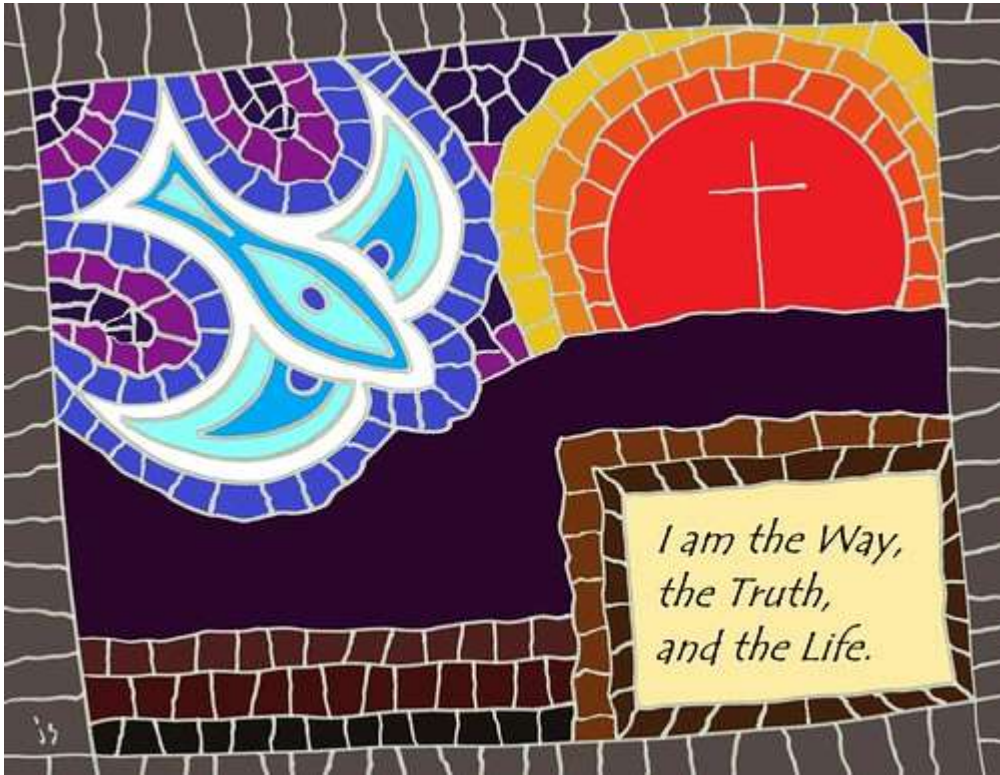


# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide May 14, 2023

### Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

*Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

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| <b>Prelude</b>                 | Ouverture from Keyboard Partita 4 BWV 828  | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)             |
| <b>Welcome and Church Life</b> |  |                                   |
| <b>Introit</b>                 | O Come, Let us Sing<br>O come, let us sing unto God!<br>To God our voices raise.<br>O come, with joyful voices praise. | Donald Moore<br><br>From Psalm 95 |

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Lori Yamauchi

Leader

Those who love Christ will make their home with God.

**People**

**Those who know Jesus will know his peace.**

Leader

Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.

**People**

**Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord,  
who has come to be among us.  
Come, worship God,  
who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**I Will Never Leave You Orphaned**

Sung to STUTTGART (“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”)  
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- 1 **“I will never leave you orphaned,”  
Jesus, you once told your own.  
When we’re overwhelmed and frightened,  
show us that we’re not alone.**
- 2 **Thank you for the Holy Spirit  
who is present every day,  
giving love that we might share it,  
giving us the words to say.**
- 3 **In affliction, we find comfort  
through our Friend and Help and Guide.  
When we’re sad and cannot bear it,  
you are with us — by our side.**
- 4 **Then, in comfort, we find challenge  
As you call your church to be  
mercy-bearers, justice-seekers  
in your new community.**
- 5 **Christ, in comfort and in challenge,  
May the church hear what you say:  
“I will never leave you orphaned.”  
May we trust your word today.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Lori Yamauchi

**We follow wrong paths to foolish lives and repeated mistakes.  
We know all too well where these paths are, Way of our lives.  
We make things so complicated  
while you remind us to love you and to keep your word.  
If one looked at our lives  
it would appear we trust in our bank balances  
more than we trust in you.  
We stir up the waters with trouble and that comes all too easy to us.  
It is so much more difficult to learn to love you.  
We lock the doors of our hearts so we don’t have to love others.  
This has become almost second nature to us.**

**You tell us all we need to know.  
Let us learn to live in and live out your love.**

*Silence for Prayer*

**Forgive us, our Prince of peace.  
May our hearts overflow with hope for others,  
as you remind us to keep your commandments.  
May we share from our abundance  
with all who hunger for life.  
May we follow you, Lord and Savior,  
to the places of service and life with you forever. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Our Comforter leads us to that place  
where God's table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace.  
Here, we are called to life and love.

People

**We will live as God's people:  
forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might love others.  
Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 583**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Offering**

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using  
the kiosk in the narthex.*

Solo

The Call Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

**\*Hymn 609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Time with Our  
Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.  
People And also with you.

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| <b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b> |
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**Prayers of the  
People**

Carolyn Asbury

Prayer Partners Pat Amdur, Alison Armstrong and Ken Kiplinger and Julia, Beth Arnaoot and Liny Adams, Erwin Barron and Coy Abellano, Doris Bebb

**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**

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 23-29

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

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| <b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b> |
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**\*Hymn 815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears**

- 1 Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.
- 2 Through waves and clouds and storms  
God gently clears the way.  
Wait patiently; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.
- 3 Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command.  
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,  
how wise, how strong God's hand!
- 4 Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our final breath  
thy love and guardian care.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir** Fourfold Amen

Charles Cronham (1896-1969)

**Postlude** Fugue in E-Flat from the Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1, BWV 852/2

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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**Today's Musicians**

Today we welcome Michael Desnoyers as guest conductor and Samuel Cheng as guest organist.

**Today's Coffee Hour**

Fernando González has given today's coffee hour in thanksgiving for a beautiful Old First family: Old First members, friends and staff.

**Distributing New Key-Cards, Today**

The new system of key-cards for the Sacramento Street door and the door to the inside stairwell is now on-line. Your old key-card will no longer open these doors. If you haven't picked up your new key card, you can at coffee hour today: Linda Reyder or Mary Russell will have your envelope with your new key-card and a key-holder agreement to fill out and return.

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, May 20**

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, May 20, when Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. Or go directly to the sign-up page: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>  
The pantry coordinators will thank you!

**Memorial Service for Heather Losee, May 20**

Beloved church member Heather Losee died last Sunday. Old First will hold a memorial service for her on Saturday, May 20, at 1:00 pm. You may join us that day either in person at the church or on line via Old First's YouTube channel. Please keep her family, friends and all who mourn her in your prayers.

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, May 27**

We believe in a life changed by grace and in celebration of this new life we share our gratitude, our hope, by serving others. The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner this month falls on Saturday, May 27. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: [4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org)

**OGHS: Thank You!**

Thank you! This year Old First raised \$935.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing, one of the four yearly special offerings received in the PC(USA). One Great Hour of Sharing benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People – three life-saving programs that advance justice, resilience and sustainability.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Monday May 15**

7:30 pm O1C: Earplay, string, wind, piano ensemble: new music including two world premieres by local composers

**Friday May 19**

8:00 pm O1C: Ting Luo, piano and multi-media, featuring world premieres of works by Xuesi Xu, Dylan Findley, Sarah Wald, Cole Reyes and Aries Mond

**Saturday May 20**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

1:00 pm Memorial Service for Heather Losee

**Sunday May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

11:00 am Worship

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line

4:00 pm O1C: Simone Vallerotonda, lute: *Méditation – Les quatre saisons du luth*  
This is a free concert!

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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