

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## The Day of Pentecost May 28, 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.*

**Prelude** Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott (Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God)  
Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**Introit**

Cameroon Processional Song

Collected by Elaine Hanson (born 1999)

Arranged by Ralph M. Johnson (born 1955)

Louez le Seigneur! *Praise the Lord!*

Louez son saint nom. Alleluia! *Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!*

**\*Call to Worship**

Tom Culp

Leader God speaks to us

**People in the riches of creation.**

Leader God speaks to us

**People in the stories of Jesus.**

Leader God speaks to us

**People in the lives of other people.**

Leader God speaks to us

**People in words and ways that we can understand.**

Leader God of fire and beauty,

**People warm us.**

Leader God of peace and justice,

**People disturb us.**

Leader God of wind and wonder,

**People amaze us.**

Leader God of Pentecost,

**People kindle your love in our lives.**

**\*Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

**Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

**2 You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

**3 You sang in a stable; you cried from hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Tom Culp

**Almighty God,**  
you poured your Spirit upon Jesus' gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears, and  
a new community of faith.  
We confess that we hold back the force  
of your Spirit among us.  
We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love, or  
live as a people made one in Christ  
Have mercy on us, O God.  
Transform our timid lives  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire  
to be your faithful people, doing your will  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

**Leader** Those who are in Christ are a new creation:  
Everything old has passed away.  
See, everything has become new!

**People** All this is from God who still breathes new life into our lives.  
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.*

**Anthem**

Tune: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA  
Wilson Niwagila (born 1940)  
Arranged by Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema,  
Mfariji wetu.  
Tufundishe ya mbignuni,  
Tuwe watu wapya.

*Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
Fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
Help us to follow you.*

Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema.  
Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema.

*Come, come, come abide in ev'ry heart.  
Come, come, come abide in ev'ry heart.*

Utufanye waamini  
wa Yesu Mwokozi.  
Tukaishi kikundini,  
kanisani mwako.

Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema...

*Come to teach and to nourish  
those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,  
Strengthened by grace unpriced  
Come, come, come abide in ev'ry heart...*

**\*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.**

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

Stephen Taber

Prayer Partners Carolyn Asbury, Gabriele Beck-Engeser, George Becker and Christo Bresnahan, Michael Bene, Michael and Nina Berg, Erin Berg, Patrick Berg, Lisa Bigley, Courtney Blake

**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**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-18, 36-47

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

**An Affirmation for Pentecost**    We believe in a loving God,  
 whose Word sustains our lives  
 and the work of our hands in the world.  
 God is life!  
 We believe in God's Son amongst us,  
 sowing the seed of life's renewal.  
 He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.  
 Jesus Christ is Lord!  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life,  
 making us one with God,  
 renewing our strength with Her own.  
 The Spirit is love!

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 288**    Spirit of the Living God  
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
 Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**\*Charge and  
 Benediction**

**Choir**

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona,    *Hallelujah! We sing your praises,*  
 di thabile kaofela.    *all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

**Postlude**    Liturgical Prelude III (abridged)                      George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

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**Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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### Today's Liturgy

Today's call to worship is by Ruth Burgess and the affirmation of faith is by John Harvey. Both are drawn from *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* edited by Ruth Burgess, published by the Iona Community, Scotland, and used here by permission.



Be generous and give to the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pentecost Offering. You can use the Pentecost Offering envelope in today's bulletin or you can make your Pentecost offering on-line: simply visit Old First's on-line donation page: <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations/>

The Pentecost Offering is one of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s four annual special offerings. This offering works both globally and locally: 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for programs around the world and 40% stays with Old First to support programs for young people in our local community.

Last year Old First used its 40% to provide backpacks and supplies for students at Redding Elementary School in our neighborhood. This year you can help choose where our 40% will go.

Please read about the two worthy organizations listed below. Then be ready to help make our choice during worship next Sunday, June 4.

- Potrero Hill Neighborhood House: <https://www.thenabe.org/>
- Booker T. Washington Community Service Center: <https://btwcsc.org/>

### High School Graduates: Skyla, Julia

This spring Skyla Frauenheim and Julia Kiplinger have finished high school. Be sure to add your congratulations to the cards for them at coffee hour today.

### Coffee Hour Sponsorship

And speaking of coffee hour... Why not sponsor our coffee hour in their honor! It's only fifty dollars. The sign-up sheet has returned to the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. We'll include your dedication in that Sunday's bulletin.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 28, Pentecost**

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Monday May 29, Memorial Day**

Church Office Closed

**Friday June 2**

8:00 pm O1C: San Francisco Girls Chorus, Level IV's year-end concert, works by Copland, Hatfield, Mácha, Mendelssohn, Orbán, Quartel, and Whitacre

**Saturday June 3**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry (Volunteer today! Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org))

**Sunday June 4, Trinity Sunday**

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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