

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## A Season of Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 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** Prière a Notre Dame from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**Moment for  
Mission**

Lori Yamauchi and Pastor Henderson

**\*Call to Worship**

Sidney Hollar

Leader Come to us even now, O Lord of Life,  
**People and fill this place with your presence!**  
Leader We praise your name and rejoice in your love,  
**People we stand in utter amazement of who you are!**  
Leader Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment.  
**People They will rejoice forever, because you are God!**  
Leader Rejoice and give thanks!  
**People Hallelujah! Amen!**

Based on Psalm 22

**\*Hymn 210**

**Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

- 1 **Lord, why have you forsaken me,  
and why are you so far away  
from my complaint and my distress  
poured out before you night and day?**
- 2 **Yet you are holy, and the songs  
of praise of Israel are your throne;  
when our ancestors called on you,  
you saved them, rescued all your own.**
- 3 **But I am mocked and put to scorn.  
All those who see me laugh and say,  
“You trust in God, so let us see  
the help of God to whom you pray.”**
- 4 **Yet you, O Lord, have been my God  
and only hope since I was born.  
With trouble near me, none can help.  
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Sidney Hollar

**God of dark and light,  
in this holy place, we know how weak our discipleship is.  
We can spend hours at the computer,  
but only give you fleeting moments of our time.  
We can talk endlessly on our cell phones,  
but fall silent when it comes to sharing  
our fears, our worries, our hopes with you.  
We seek quick fixes for our problems,  
rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.  
God of the psalmist, God of our lives, forgive us:  
for our lack of trust,  
for our faithless living,  
for the closing our ears to the call of Jesus,  
for our lack of hope when times are complicated.**

**God, who knows everything about us,  
we confess silently...**

*Silence is kept.*

**Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you,  
so we may take up the life you offer to us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

This is the Good News:

God does not go back on the promises made so long ago.

God does not reject us; God redeems us.

God does not withhold love; God pours it into our barren lives.

People

**Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope,  
living in relationship with God and one another –  
we are a new people. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**\*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**

Lacrima Christi

Paul Nordoff (1907-1977)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Christ, impinged on a cross, let his head hang down.

He was faint and pricked by the thorns in his crown.

Back of him the dark sky howled with gales.

Through his feet and through his palms drove the long nails.

Down his cheeks the tears did rain,

Because his wounds were terrible and he, in dire pain.

**\*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.**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of the People**

Cheryl Min read by Mary Russell

Prayer Partners Chris and Cindy Burt, Carol Carter, Mary Carter, Waldo Carter, Andy and Yvonne Cheng, Samuel, Joshua and Annie, Ted and Betsy Chiao

**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**

Psalm 22: A Psalm of Lament  
*Follow along in the pew Bibles, pp 473-474.*

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

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

**\*Hymn 245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

- 1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

- 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude** Minuet from Suite Gothique

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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 Coffee Hour**

Chris and Cindy Burt have given today's coffee hour in honor of Old First's choir.



You can still make a gift to the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pentecost Offering! Simply use the Pentecost Offering envelope in today's bulletin or 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's annual special offerings. It 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. These are the options Pastor Maggi will present today:

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

**Honoring Our Food Pantry Leaders**

Next Sunday, June 11, we will be recognize and honor Old First's food panty coordinators Frank Gama and Chris Hallacy. Pastor Maggi notes, "These amazing members of the community stepped up to take this leadership role when our last two coordinators moved. We literally could not have kept going without them!"

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday June 4, Trinity Sunday**

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Friday June 9**

8:00 pm O1C: Jennifer Kloetzel, cello, and Allegra Chapman, piano: world premiere sonata by Richard Aldag, also works by Beethoven, Bridge, Larsen, Rachmaninoff

**Saturday June 10**

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)

8:00 pm O1C: San Francisco chapter of NACUSA: new choral works presented by Bay Area composers and conductors

**Sunday June 11**

11:00 am Worship

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Reflection for Trinity Sunday, the First Sunday after Pentecost**

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* –Galatians 5:25 “Keeping in step” indicates someone else is leading. It also means putting aside our agenda, our expectations, our control and relinquishing ourselves to someone else’s lead. That means we are the followers, not the ones calling the shots. It is all about submission and the daily battle to let someone else be in charge of you.

*Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.* –Romans 8:14 In other words, those who follow the Spirit’s leading... they are the real deal.

The Greek word for dance is *perichoresis* (*peri*=around; *choresis*=dance). This is the term used by Greek ancient theologians as a metaphor to refer to the Trinity. Eugene H. Peterson, in his book *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*, describes it this way: “Imagine a folk dance, a round dance, with three partners in each set. The music starts up and the partners holding hands begin moving in a circle. The tempo increases, the partners move more swiftly swinging and twirling, embracing and releasing. But there is no confusion, every movement is cleanly coordinated in precise rhythms as each person maintains his or her own identity. We cannot live as spectators of the dance of the Trinity. A hand reaches out to pull us into the Trinitarian actions of holy creation, holy salvation, and holy community. There are no nonparticipants in a Trinity-revealed life.”

*You keep doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod-but in a living, spirited dance!* –1 Thessalonians 4:1-3

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