

Old First Presbyterian Church



Growing Season: Exploring Our Roots Sunday, July 23, 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

Welcome and Church Life

***Call to Worship**

Leader Your grace is a lamp for our hearts, O God.

People Light our way through the shadows of this world.

Leader When we struggle with questions and doubts,

People Tell us your stories of hope and grace.

Harriet MacLean

Leader When we are about to wander off into the wilderness,

People show us the paths to your peace and joy.

***Hymn #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Prayer of
Confession

Harriet MacLean

Holy God,
we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.

We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.

Silence for private confession

For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.

**He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader For nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.
There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate you from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **We are forgiven.
We are loved.
We are reconciled to God.
Let us go and live with and live out the love of God
this morning and every day.**

***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 Love Bade Me Welcome Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)
Jarron Carlson, baritone

***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**

Saundra Keyes

Prayer Partners Connie Johnson, John and Carmen Josiah, Cynthia Kang, Jeanne Kirkwood,
Levi Knippel, Nina Krietzman, Marne Krozek, Bobby Lane

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 25:19-34
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 307** God of Grace and God of Glory
- 1 God of race and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
 - 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
 - 3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude

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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 Organist

Today's guest organist is Sam Cheng.

Cover Artwork

Bulletin cover art is by Sefira Lightstone.

Today's Flowers

The flowers are given by the Deacons in fond remembrance of Jack Rozzell.

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, July 29

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, July 29, when Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – 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! For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

Banners by Josie Iselin

As we move through ordinary time and summer, we celebrate God's gift of life and growth with new banners by San Francisco artist Josie Iselin, which depict a kelp forest.

Josie Iselin is a photographer, author, and designer of many books. Her last few have focused on the world of seaweeds and kelp. Her most recent book, *The Curious World of Seaweed* (Heyday Books, 2019) is the basis for a traveling exhibition of prints by the same name.

Iselin is the co-director of a collaborative known as Above/Below, working to bring the recognition afforded the forests on land to the kelp forests below the ocean's surface. Above/Below will be releasing a web-based, comprehensive, story compendium about bull kelp this fall.

Giants Baseball

Would you like to go to a Giants baseball game? Our sister church, St. Johns Presbyterian, has invited us to join them on September 10 at 1:00. Tickets are \$27.00. You need to purchase the tickets by August 11! Go to <https://fevogm.com/event/Stjohns5> or St John's website stjohnssf.org. Your pastor is sure to preach a short sermon that day because she is going to the game!

This Week at Old First

Sunday July 23

Session Meeting after coffee hour; Munro Room.

4:00 pm O1C: Sarah Hong, cello, and Makiko Ooka, piano – works by Manuel Ponce, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Alberto Ginastera, Astor Piazzolla

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday July 29

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

Sunday July 30

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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