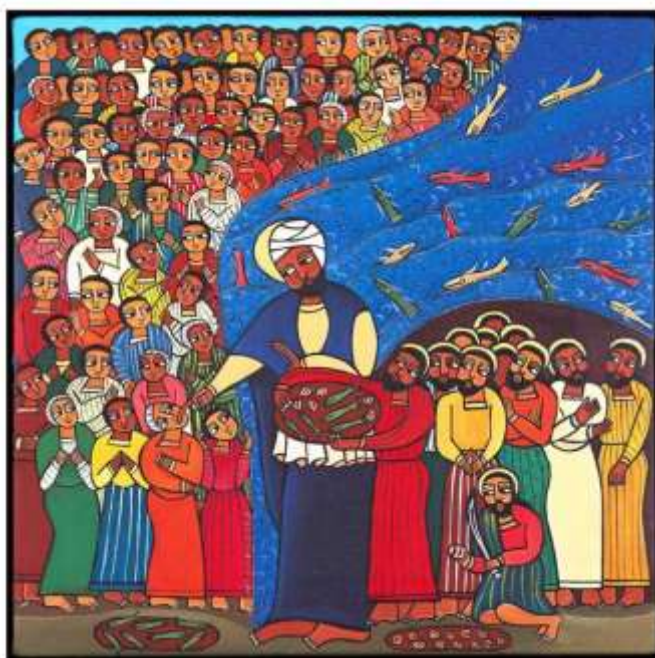


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 20, 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	Panis Angelicus	Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit		Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) Chelsea Hollow, soprano
	When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised! German hymn c. 1800, translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)	

***Call to
Worship**

Betty Voris

Leader We come to this place of worship,
to encounter the One who has called us here.

People This Holy One – our God – is with us in every moment.

Leader God is in our celebrations and joys,
God is in our darkest nights of loneliness.

People This Holy God – our God – blesses us and calls us by name.

Leader As night fades before the coming Light,
we meet the One who saves us – even from ourselves.

People This God – our Holy God – touches us with the Spirit of hope.

***Hymn 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken**

- 1 **Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food for evermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**
- 2 **Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**
- 3 **Loaves were broken, words were spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**
- 4 **By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Betty Voris

**Here at the river's edge, Healing God,
we are hesitant to cross over,
for on the other side are all the people we have hurt.
On that far shore is everyone we have ridiculed,
scorned, ignored.
Across the water stand the poor, the homeless, the lost –
all those we have looked down on,
believing they are beneath us.
On the other bank stands the cross we must carry
if we are to follow Jesus.
Before we can cross, Most Holy One,
we must struggle with you.
We cannot meet the others,
if we have not encountered you.**

Time for Silent Prayer.

**Forgive us and reconcile us, Holy One,
not only to them, but to yourself.
Bless us,
that we may be a blessing to them.
Rename us and carry us across the river as faithful disciples
of the One we are blessed to call our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Here, face to face, God meets us.
Here, face to face with each other we can speak every longing in our heart.
Here, face to face, In the breaking of the bread God forgives us.

All

**Here, face to face, heart to heart, we meet
the One who has great compassion for us
and who forgives us of every foolish choice, word, and
action of 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.*

Solo Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum. *The bread of angels becomes the bread of mortals.*
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. *It puts an end to all mere symbols.*
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, *Oh, miraculous thing! The poor will feast on the Lord,*
pauper, servus et humilis. *The poor and humble servant will feast.*

***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

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21
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

***Hymn 507** **Come to the Table of Grace**
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.**
2 **Come to the table of peace...**
3 **Come to the table of love...**
4 **Come to the table of hope...**
5 **Come to the table of joy...**

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader The God of healing and feeding be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader People of God, lift your hearts
to the One who travels every journey with you.

People We lift them to the God who gives us rest when we are weary.

Leader People of God, offer your praise and thanks
to the God who feeds the hungry.

**People It is our greatest joy to sing
to the One who fills our emptiness with grace and joy.**

The leader continues the prayer...

Leader So, with those who stand at the edge of grace,
and with those who have crossed over to your peace,
we join our voices with all who forever Speak of your glory:

**People Holy, holy, holy are you, God who listens to our prayers.
All creation beholds your face in righteousness.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who feeds us with grace and wonder.

Hosanna in the highest!

The leader continues the prayer...

**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.*

The communion trays have wine and grape juice.

The inner clear cups hold wine. The outer purple cups hold grape juice.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Solo Alleluia

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Postlude Toccata in A minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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Art on the Cover

The art on the cover is the *Feeding of the 5000* by Laura James.

Today's Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee hour after worship today. Then stop by the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry and sign up to sponsor coffee hour one Sunday. Your donation of \$50 supports Old First's ministry of hospitality and offers you an opportunity to honor or remember someone you love: your dedication will appear in the bulletin.

New Artwork, New Preaching Series

To follow the kelp forest banners by Josie Iselin earlier this summer, the Worship Committee has created new artwork for the reredos continuing the aquatic theme. The banners inspired the committee to think about all the ways the oceans and aquatic life are featured in the biblical story. The theme continues with a school of fish swimming across the reredos. Our fish will be varied and colorful, much like our congregation and our community.

Why fish? Fishing people were the first people Jesus called as disciples. Jesus fed a multitude with just a few fish, and water was often the place where his greatest teachings took place. Water was a place of rest and renewal for Jesus. Early Christians adopted the fish as a symbol of their faith. Further, the Greek word for fish, **ΙΧΘΥΣ** (ichthys), was used by early Christians as an acronym for the phrase *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*.

Both Iselin's kelp forest banners and the new artwork featuring fish got Pastor Maggi thinking about water and scripture. Starting today, and continuing through September 24, Pastor Maggi will preach a series of sermons focusing how bodies of water were the place of many of Jesus' teachings and how these stories can still offer us a place of learning today. On September 10, she will begin two weeks on the biggest fish story ever – Jonah. To prepare, read Jonah Chapters 1 and 2. To prepare for September 17, read Chapters 3 and 4.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, August 26

We really need your help! Sign up today to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, August 26, when members and friends of Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry and serve our neighbors. Meet our amazing volunteers and support our Food Pantry coordinators Frank and Chris! You can sign up easily by visiting the Food Pantry's sign up webpage: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

4th Saturday Community Dinner, August 26

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on Saturday, August 26. 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: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Reparations for African Americans Discussion, August 27

Please join us after worship on Sunday, August 27, for an in-person discussion of Reparations for African Americans, with our guest preacher for the day, the Reverend Teresa Chávez Saucedo from the faculty of SFTS. Chávez-Saucedo co-authored a 2004 national PC(USA) report from the Task Force to Study Reparations. The discussion will take place in the Munro Room. Light snacks will be provided.

Old First Town Hall, September 17

Mark your calendars for a town hall/church hall meeting on Sunday, September 17. This will be the first of many conversations as we begin to explore and dream about where and how God is calling us to share God's love, to be faithful disciples of Jesus, and to offer welcome and justice on our corner, in our city, and in the world. Our whole community of members and friends is encouraged to attend in person, but plans for on-line participation are in the works. We'll move to the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship and we'll start our discussion with two simple questions: What are your fears for Old First? What are your hopes for Old First?

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 20

4:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival, Jeffrey LaDeur, piano

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Friday August 25

8:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival, Parker Van Ostrand, piano

Saturday August 26

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

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm SF International Piano Festival Finale: "A Night at the Cinema"

Buster Keaton's 1927 film *College* with a score by Stephen Prutsman

Stephen Prutsman, Parker Van Ostrand, Karina Tseng, piano

Telegraph Quartet: Eric Chin, Joseph Maile, Pei-Ling Lin, Jeremiah Shaw, strings

Sunday August 27

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Reparations for African Americans Discussion, Munro Room

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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