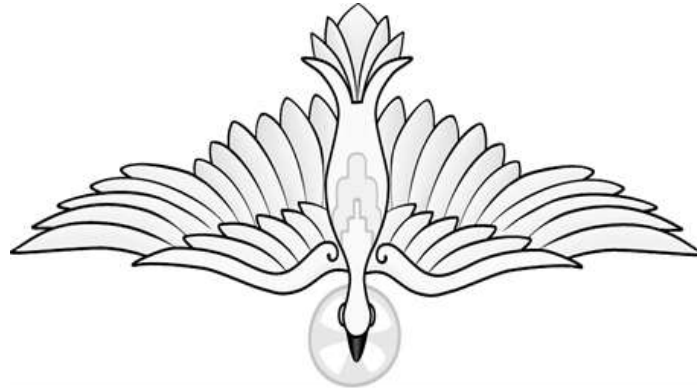


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 15, 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 Sarabande (*Du bist die Ruh*) from Diomedes
Johann Gottfried Stözel (1690-1749)
Arr. Dick Koomans (born 1957)

Canon in D Major
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Donald Moore (born 1946)

O come let us sing unto God,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice! From Psalm 95

***Call to
Worship** Christopher Burt

Leader We are invited to share in Christ's ministry of compassion.

People We will widen our hearts so we might cradle the lost.

Leader We are challenged to learn more about God each day.

People We will open our minds so we might discern God's dream for us.

Leader We are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.

People We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love.

***Hymn 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

- 1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
- 2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
- 3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
- 4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Christopher Burt

Everlasting God,
 you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Since the creation of the world,
 you have nurtured us with your love.
And yet we shamefully acknowledge
 that we do not always share your love with others.
We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .
 only those who are clean,
 who look like us,
 who talk right,
 who seem safe.
Loving God,
 teach us to love you more fully.
For in loving you,
 our lives will show love to all others,
even as your love encompasses all your creation,
 in all generations.

Silent Prayer

We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love,
 Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come,
God's compassion and hope fill our lives.
What joyous good news!

People **Our hope is not in vain.**
God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people.
We will learn how to love ourselves and our neighbors,
because we are enrolled in God's school of love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn 587 Celtic Alleluia**

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Anthem From Promptuarii musici concentus ecclesiasticos, Pars Tertia
Lodovico da Viadana (c. 1560-1627)

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| Exultate justi in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio. | <i>Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.</i> |
| Confitemini Domino in citara; in psalterio decem cordarum, psallite illi, cantata ei canticum novum. | <i>Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery of ten strings, sing to him a new canticle.</i> |
| Bene psallite ei in vociferatione. Exultate justi in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio. | <i>Sing well unto him with a loud noise. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.</i> |

From Psalm 33:1-3

***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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| Worship Through Hearing God's Word |
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Scripture Micah 6:6-8 (OT, p. 816)
Matthew 22:34-46 (NT, p.24)

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

Commitment

Leader "Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all
your mind."

**People Lord,
let this be.
Show us how.**

Leader "And love your neighbor as yourself."

**People Lord,
let this be.
Take us where
we surely need to go.**

Let
your love be
the lens that lets us see,
the power that enlivens our lives,
the light that points to the path,
and the very grace
that saves
us.

Kindly fill us with your love.

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| Worship Through Holy Communion |
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**Invitation to
the Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of compassion be with you!

People And also with you!

Leader Each morning, God feeds us with steadfast love.

People Each day, our hearts are filled with God's call to serve.

Leader Children of God, sing your praises to God all our days.

**People We lift our joy
to the One who is the dwelling place of all generations.**

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 come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.

Receive the bread from the pastor, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.

There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.

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| Worship Through Responding to God's Word |
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***Hymn 70 What does the Lord Require of You**

We sing the song once through, all together.

After that, we sing it as a round three times. The choir begins the round.

The congregation should watch Mike Desnoyers for their cue to start.

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness

and walk humbly with your God.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Postlude

Fughetta in C Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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Communion by Intinction

We receive communion by intinction – that is, by dipping the bread in the wine or grape juice. There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup. If you would rather not receive the communion elements by intinction, you may opt for the pre-packaged communion elements on the lectern.

Today’s Coffee Hour

Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi have given today’s coffee hour in memory of the Rev. Dr. C. George Fitzgerald, who served as parish associate at Old First in the late 1970’s and 1980’s, and was Director of Spiritual Care Services at Stanford Hospital for 26 years.

Next Sunday:

Old First Prepares for This Month’s 4th Saturday Community Dinner

Old First is cooking the meal for October’s 4th Saturday Community Dinner. It could be a scary task for just one person – but not if we work together. We are going to do some of the meal preparation together **after worship on next Sunday, October 22**. Call, text, E-mail or talk to Pastor Maggi if you can help. No prior cooking experience needed – just a good heart and a willing hand.

Remembering the Saints

On the Sunday before All Saints’ Day, October 29, we will remember the saints who have died since last All Saints’ Day in 2022.

Please let Brad in the church office know **by Monday, October 23**, if you have names of saints to remember this year. Give him **their names, the dates of their death, and your relationship to them**. You can send Brad an E-mail (brad@ouldfirst.org), call him at the church office, or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

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Remembering the Saints Who’ve Died since Last All Saints’ Day

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| My Name | | | |
| Name(s) to be Remembered | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Date(s) of Death | | | |
| Relationship: They were my ... | | | |

This Week at Old First

Sunday October 15

- 4:00 pm O1C: Monica Chew, piano,
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday October 16

- 7:00 pm O1C: Special Workshop! Sarah Cahill's Backstage Pass

Tuesday October 17

- 7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

Saturday October 21

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!
Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: www.oudfirst.org
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday October 22

- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Kitchen Prep for 4th Saturday Community Dinner
- 4:00 pm O1C: Cornelius Boots and the Wood Prophets, bass shakuhachi quartet
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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