

Old First Presbyterian Church



Easter Day: Christ is Risen! March 31, 2024

Choral Prelude

Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.

Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Please pick up sheet music for the Hallelujah Chorus from an usher.

Organ	March on "Thine is the Glory" from <i>Judas Maccabeus</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Solo	"The Call" from <i>5 Mystical Songs</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Sergey Khalikulov, bass
Solo	"Qui Sedes" from <i>Gloria</i>	Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
Choir	"Since by Man Came Death" from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Solo	"Domine Deus" from <i>Stabat Mater</i>	Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868) Michael Desnoyers, tenor
Solo	"Let the Bright Seraphim" from <i>Samson</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Worship Through Praising God

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Christus is Auferstanden Max Bruch (1838-1920)

Christus is auferstanden von seiner Marter alle,	<i>Christ is risen from all his torment,</i>
des sollen wir alle froh sein,	<i>for this should we all rejoice,</i>
Christus will unser Tröster sein!	<i>Christ shall be our consolation.</i>
Alleluja! Christus is auferstanden!	<i>Alleluia! Christ is risen!</i>

*Call to Worship

Michael Berg

Leader Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People **But not today.**
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader We have a reason to hope.

People **We have a reason to sing!**

Leader Alleluia!

People **Alleluia!**

Leader Christ is risen today.

*Hymn 232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

- 1 **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Michael Berg

Leader The stone is rolled away!
People We assume it is a mistake.
Leader The angels say, "He is not here!"
People We assume their news is fake.
Leader The women tell the story,
People but we do not want to hear it.
Leader Peter runs to the tomb,
People but we do not understand.
Leader Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb
is nothing more than a prank.
**People Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.**
Leader Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope
when you are alive and well in the world.
Let us pray silently.
Leader Teach us to see what you see.
**People Unravel the threads of our unbelief.
Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader The angels tell the women, "Remember what Jesus told you."
So, church, remember this:
You are seen.
You are forgiven.
You are held in God's grace.
**People All of this is true.
Grace and mercy abound for us all.
We will remember this.
Amen!**

***Sung Assurance**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Latin, 8th Century
English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

Offering *Usbers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right.*



Anthem

Michael McCabe (born 1941)

The power of life dispersed the gloom,
revealing love and light;
The Christ has conquered death's dark tomb,
and loosed the grip of night.

The light revealed the power of God,
the stone was rolled away;
the path was bright that Jesus trod,
for night had turned to day.

The light of truth at last revealed
the nature of the soul;
the tomb no longer held concealed
the heart's eternal goal.

Christ is risen from the dead!
Sing alleluia!

Carlton Buck (1907-1999)

***Doxology** **Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**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**

Bill Feister

Prayer Partners

Eva DeLair, James Brown and Isaac Browndelair, Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian, Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia

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 Luke 24:1-12 (p. 84)

Sung Response **Return to You**
We sing the response once.

I have a wond'ring heart, and a fickle faith.
Can you find me here, can I see your face?
Help me return to you, help me return to you.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

*Hymn 246 **Christ is Alive!**

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where ever hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, free for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love , and praise.

Affirmation of Faith We may weep through the longest nights.
 We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.
 We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.
 But today, we are a people of hope.

We believe in new beginnings.
 We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.
 We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching,
 and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

We believe that a tomb could not hold him.
 We believe that the sun does rise.
 We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe,
 and faith the size of a mustard seed.
 We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us.
 Today we are a people of hope.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

Choir and Congregation	The "Hallelujah!" Chorus	G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Michael Desnoyers, conductor Randy Smith, timpani
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Please place your copy of the Hallelujah Chorus in the designated boxes in the narthex or by the choir loft stairs.

Please join us for an Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall downstairs. Ushers can direct you to the stair.

***Charge and Benediction**

Old First Presbyterian Church

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



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Easter Lilies

Have Been Given by the Following

- Carolyn Asbury** in memory of Pam Thorp
in memory of Bobby Nelson
- Gabby Beck-Engeser** in memory of Christian and Elise Rücker, her grandparents
- Diane Brenum** in gratitude for Larry Marietta's music ministry
- Cindy and Chris Burt** in memory of Elwyn and Arline Bryan
in memory of Debbie Velke
- Tracy Clagett** in memory of Barry Clagett
- Tom Culp** in memory of Mary and Frank Culp
in honor of the extended Culp and Wagner Families
- Kirsten Fleischmann** in memory of Sophie Otten, her grandmother, and of Walter
Fleischmann, her father
- Sidney Hollar** for the incarcerated children in San Francisco and around the
world
- Jeannie Lee** in memory of Robert G. Fleming
- Linda Reyder** in thanksgiving for the blessings of friends
- Vicki Rambo** in memory of Charles Rambo
- Mary Russell** in memory of Bob Fleming
in honor of the Old First Staff
in gratitude for the work of the Worship Committee
- Sally Spencer** in hope of peace and justice
in honor of Old First staff
- Sarah and Steve Taber** in thanksgiving for the choir and Larry Marietta's leadership
- Betty and Steve Voris** in memory of their parents
in honor of their children Jackie Voris, Lisa Lynn Packard, and
James Packard
- Lori Yamauchi and
James Fagler** in gratitude for the life and ministry of the Reverend Dr. C.
George Fitzgerald

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Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

The graphic designs here and on the cover are by the Reverend Lauren Wright Pittman; the background painting and photography are by the Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity; today's liturgy is adapted from the Reverend Sarah A. Speed, all of A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Easter Means New Life!

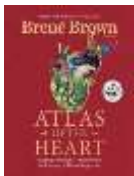
Easter means new life. So let new life shine through you by committing yourself to staffing the Interfaith Food Pantry, to participating in the 4th Saturday Community Dinners, or to collecting books to restock Old First's Little Free Library.

One Great Hour of Sharing

You can still make your contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Place your fishbox in the offering plate, ask an usher for a OGHS offering envelope, or make your contribution on-line at Old First's donations page – simply use this QR-code.



Next Book Discussion Session, Monday, April 8



The third session of our new book discussion will take place via Zoom on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 pm. At this session we're covering Chapter 3 of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart*. Please let Maggi, know if you plan to attend.

Below is the Zoom link to the Monday night sessions. The link can also be found in Maggi's weekly E-mail on Saturdays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

Inquirer and Membership Classes

Want to know more about Old First? Curious about the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Wondering about joining the church? If so, Pastor Maggi would like to talk with you: She's thinking about holding Inquirer and Membership Classes for folks interested in life and membership at Old First Presbyterian Church. Speak with her at coffee hour, call her at the church office, or send her an E-mail: maggi@oldfirst.org

This Week at Old First

Easter Day March 31

- 11:00 am Worship
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday April 1

Church Office Closed

Saturday April 6

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall

Sunday April 7

- 11:00 am Worship with Hymn-Sing: Pick Your Favorite Easter Hymn!
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall