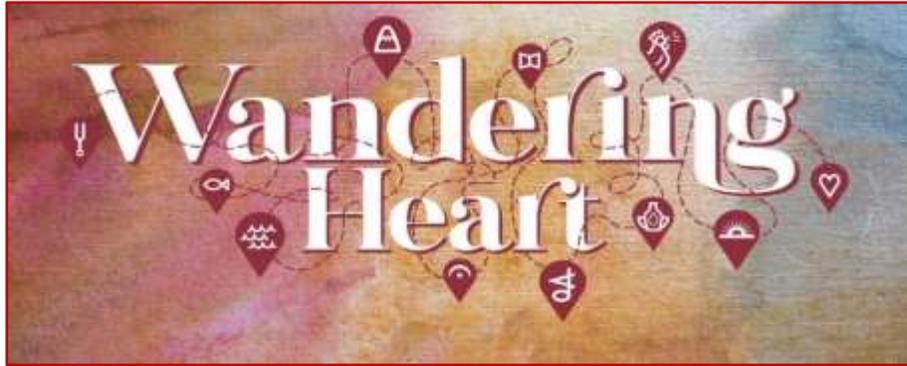


Old First Presbyterian Church



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024**

Worship Through Praising God

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.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude Two Soft Preludes Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,
to God's Name be praise, to God's Name be praise!

From Psalm 113

Roseanne Hoo

*Call to Worship

Leader We are witnesses,

People to the love God has poured into us.

Leader We are witnesses of God's love,

People sharing it with each person we meet.

Leader We are witnesses to everyone we encounter:

**People our siblings in God's family
whom we meet in our building and on our block,
in our city and around the world.**

***Hymn 510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name**

- 1 We gather here in Jesus' name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of the Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Roseanne Hoo

We cut you to the heart, Loving God,
with the silly choices we make.
We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence,
but those around us can see how empty we are.
We had hoped our words might bring healing,
but they end up hurting those we love the most.
We had hoped to find Jesus,
but cannot see him in all those you send to us.
Oh, how foolish we are
to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God.

We pray silently.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart
that we may be born anew by your grace
to continue the journey into your future. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

- Leader This we know for certain: We are forgiven by our gracious God.
This good news never ceases to astound us!
- People This promise is passed on to us that we may share it
with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God.

***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

Emmaus Now

Timothy Redman

Arranged by Sandy Small

Stranger striding through the ev'ning gloom.
Ris'n from out the darkness of the tomb.
Now for despairing friends finding some space and room.
Come now, come share our way.

List'ner with us as we walk our way.
Come to shed light on all our dark dismay.
Stop here, wait now and rest, sit down and with us stay.
Come now, come share our bread.

In his hands the common bread he takes.
Then the loaf familiar lifts and breaks.
Darken'd minds explode with new-found light:
Friend and Lord is here and dear to sight.

Stranger no more come to our table spread.
Meet us as Lord and our all-glorious Head.
Confirm in us that death itself lies dead
through blood and life outpoured
now wondrously restored.

Text by Leith Fisher (born 1941)

***Doxology**

**Oh to Grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let the Grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for the courts above.**

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 (pp. 84-85)

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

**I have a wand'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

**Affirmation
of Faith**

Leader We are disappointed and worn down.

People **Lord, walk with us.**

Leader We doubt what we believe.

People **Lord, teach us.**

Leader We need a sign.

People **Lord, break the bread.**

Leader We seek your kingdom.

People **Lord, fill our hearts with fire.**

By Nick Burden

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of Emmaus roads be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Fellow pilgrims, give your hearts to God.

People **We offer our cold hearts to the One who will set them on fire.**

Leader Alleluia! Sing songs of glad praise.

People **Alleluia! We will sing of the risen Lord.**

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader ...we offer our thanksgivings to you:

People **Holy, holy, holy are you,
God our listener.**

All creation is made new by your Word.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the Bread of heaven who opens our eyes.

Hosanna in the highest!

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader ...we speak of that faith which seems so familiar, yet is still a mystery:

People **Christ died, suffering those things for us.
Christ was raised by God, walking side by side.
Christ will come, and our eyes will be opened
that we may recognize him.**

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.*

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 252**

Day of Arising

- 1 Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made know.**
- 2 When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**
- 3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.**
- 4 Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

Today we install new officers.

Elders: Tom Culp (Class of 2025), Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky (Class of 2027)

Deacon: Nina Berg (Class of 2027)

The constitutional questions are asked of those to be installed.

Then these questions are asked of the people.

To the People

An Elder Do we, the members of the church,
accept Tom and Virginia as ruling elders and Nina as deacon,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People We do.

An Elder Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them,
to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us,
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

People We do.

Prayer of Installation

Statement You are now deacons and ruling elders
in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

People Amen.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Sevenfold Amen John Stainer (1840-1901)

Postlude Toccata in E-minor Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.

Please join us for coffee hour in the fellowship hall downstairs.

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Today's Liturgy

The Affirmation of Faith was written by Nick Burden who lives on Newcastle upon Tyne, England, and is an associate of the Iona Community in Scotland. The remaining texts are based on the work of Presbyterian Church (USA) minister Tom Shuman who is an associate of the Iona Community.

Old First Town Hall Meeting, Today

During coffee hour today, Old First will hold a Town Hall Meeting, at which we will share the results of what the elders and deacons have been on working in response to our fall Town Hall, when we shared our concerns and hopes for Old First. We have two projects we would like to tell you about! And we are looking forward to your in-put and support.

Today's Coffee Hour

Carolyn Asbury has given today's coffee hour in honor of France, who is being trained as a guide dog for the blind, and in honor of France's puppy trainer, Andrea Segura Smith.

After coffee hour and the town hall meeting today, stop by the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry and sign up to sponsor a coffee hour. Your donation of \$50 supports Old First's ministry of hospitality and offers you an opportunity to honor or remember someone or to give thanks for some blessing.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, April 27

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on Saturday, April 27. 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

Special Congregational Meeting, Next Sunday, April 28

We will hold a brief special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 28, after worship, to approve an amendment to the Bylaws of the Old First Presbyterian Church corporation regarding the election of the President of the Corporation. The motion for approval is:

Amend the Bylaws of the Old First Presbyterian Church Corporation, Section 3.12, to read as follows (deletions are noted in ~~strikeout~~, and additions are noted in underline):

"The Session shall annually elect ~~from its members~~ a President of the Corporation, who shall be an elder. The President shall execute contracts and agreements authorized by the Session and shall perform any and all other duties which the Session shall from time to time prescribe for that office. The President shall be the chief executive officer for purposes of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law."

This Week at Old First

Sunday April 21

At Coffee Hour Old First Town Hall Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday April 22

7:00 pm Sarah Cahill, piano, with Theresa Wong, cellist and vocalist

Tuesday April 23

6:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

Friday April 26

8:00 pm O1C: ZOFO “Echoes of Gamelan,” Eva-Maria Zimmermann & Keisuke Nakagoshi, one piano, four hands

Saturday April 27

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday April 28

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Special Congregational Meeting

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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