

Old First Presbyterian Church



Easter Day
April 20, 2025

Musical 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.

Choir Selections by the Wartburg Choir of Wartburg College
Professor Lee Nelson, director

Trombone Quintet Selections by the Pacific Posaunen
Katie Lambert, Tsukimi Saramoto-David,
Miriam Snyder, tenor trombones
Jason Hébert, Shane Snyder, bass trombones

Vocal Quartet Allelulia
Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
Michael Desnoyers, tenor; Sergey Khalikulov, bass

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**

Pastor Henderon

Introit From *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* John Rutter (born 1945)

Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay!
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Michael Weisse (circa 1480-1534)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

***Call to Worship**

Rick Wiebe

Leader Friends, we have known grief.
We have known loss.
We have known the long road, tired and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have days where it feels like the sun will never shine again.

People But today—today we know hope.

Leader Today we know life.

People Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

Leader Today we know that death does not have the last word.

People Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Leader It is Easter.
May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.

People Alleluia! Amen.

***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**

Rick Wiebe

Leader The Gospel of Luke says:
It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the
other women with them who told the apostles of the resurrection.
But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not
believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.

People **Forgive us, God,
when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.**

Silence

People **Forgive us, God,
when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.**

Silence

People **Forgive us, God,
when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize
the voices of our neighbors.**

Silence

People **In a world that teeters between grief and hope,
show us how to be like Peter.
Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader At first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen.
They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid.
Peter was the only exception.
Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

People **God's grace exists for us
when we are hopeful and when we're grieving,
when we're shouting and when we're silent,
when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.
God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days,
and every day in between.
Thanks be to God for this good news!
Alleluia! Amen.**

***Hymn 466 Come and Fill Our Hearts**

To be sung three times by all.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!



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

Anthem Lift High the Cross Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

Arranged by Christina Harmon (born 1944)

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verses Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

George Kitchin (1827-1912)

Revised by Michael Newbolt (1874-1956)

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET: *For tune, see Hymn 265.*

Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

**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**

Erwin Barron

Prayer Partners Sally Spencer, Mark Spicer and Sam, Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber, Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang

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 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (page 534)
 Luke 24:1-12 (page 84)

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Affirmation of Faith **In the dark before dawn,**
 we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
 we believe the Spirit is at work.
In the chaos of our broken world,
 we believe that love is on the loose.
For no stone could keep God at bay,
 and no violence could keep God's love from us.
So today we sing,
 Alleluia!
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,
 hope lives.
Christ has died,
 and Christ has also risen.
Thanks be to God!

Welcoming a New Member *Today Old First welcomes Hal Christiansen into membership.*

Pastor Do you confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

New Member **Yes, I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**

Pastor Will you accept Christ's call to be involved in the ministry of his church,
 here, at Old First Presbyterian Church and in all you do?

New Member **I will.**

Commissioning and
Commitment of the
Congregation

Left Side When you find yourself lost
and confused,
Right Side May you hear
Christ calling your name.
Left Side As you venture
on uncertain pathways,
Right Side May you recognize
Christ with you on the journey.
Left Side In times of wondering
and doubt,
Right Side May you feel
Christ's patient reassurance.
Left Side And in all times and places
know this:
All Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn 233 The Day of Resurrection!**

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

Choir and Congregation	The "Hallelujah!" Chorus	G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Michael Desnoyers, conductor
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***Charge and
Benediction**

*Please return the church's copies 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 stairs.*

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Easter 2025: Everything (in) Between

This year's series for Lent and Easter has been "Everything (in) Between," an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Today's liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today's Guest Brass: Pacific Posaunen

Old First welcomes the trombone quintet Pacific Posaunen. Established in San Francisco in 2024, Pacific Posaunen includes: Katie Snyder, tenor trombone; Tsukimi Sakamoto-David, tenor trombone; Miriam Snyder, tenor trombone; Jason Hébert, bass trombone; Shane Stewart, bass trombone.

The members of the quintet are active freelancers in the Bay Area, who perform in various ensembles including I Cantori di Carmel, Stockton Symphony, Santa Rosa Symphony, Bay Philharmonic, and San Francisco Philharmonic to name a few. As active music educators, members of Pacific Posaunen maintain private studios, coach at local schools, and have performed with the San Francisco Symphony Adventures in Music Program.

Today's Guest Choir: Wartburg College Choir

Old First welcomes the voices of the Wartburg College Choir and their director, Lee Nelson, Professor of Music and Zahn Chair in Choral Conducting.

Founded in 1937, the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles, and often collaborates with contemporary composers.

In addition to conducting the Wartburg Choir and the Ritterchor (tenor/bass choir), Professor Nelson teaches choral literature and conducting courses and also serves as the artistic director of the college's annual "Christmas with Wartburg."

Wartburg College is a private Lutheran liberal arts college in Waverly, Iowa, founded in 1852.

One Great Hour of Sharing, Today

Today we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



You can also make your One Great Hour of Sharing offering by using Old First's on-line donations page (<https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>) or by using the QR-code at right.

Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour



Today's regular coffee and pastry service has been given by Mary Russell in honor of our Sunday School families, and in further celebration of Easter, additional treats have been provided members and friends of Old First.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, April 26

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on April 26, the first Saturday after Easter Day. 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; E-mail: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 27

Join us for worship next week on the Second Sunday of Easter when our 11:00 am worship service will feature a hymn-sing. What's your favorite Easter hymn? Look through Hymns 229 to 257 in *Glory to God*.

Red Cards: Know Your Rights

Old First Presbyterian is investing in "Red Cards," small wallet size cards to share the people who fear ICE coming into their homes and lives. These cards have five simple statements that affirm that all people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. These cards are created by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (<https://www.ilrc.org>) out of an increasingly complex legal and social challenges faced by immigrants, which created a growing need for expert assistance and training in immigration law and policy

You can pick up cards to share with the community in the narthex or by contacting the church office.

This Week at Old First

Sunday	April 20: Easter Day – the Easter Season Begins
After Worship	Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	April 22
6:00 pm	Session, On Line
Saturday	April 26
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
5:15 pm	4th Saturday Community Dinner
Sunday	April 27: the Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 am	Worship with Hymn-Sing
After Worship	Coffee Hour
4:00 pm	O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble "Piano and Strings – 100 Years!" Thomas Schultz, piano; Sue-mi Shin, violin; Rick Shinozaki, violin; Sarah Lee, viola; Thalia Moore, cello
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Jarron Carlson	Composer-in-Residence
Brad Peterson	Church Office Administrator

<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Flowers Have Been Given by the Following</p>

Carolyn Asbury	In memory of Dee Bernhard
Gabby Beck-Engeser	In memory of her aunt and uncle Sigrid and Ottmar Beck.
Michael and Nina Berg	In memory of Joe and Burnita Burton In memory of Betty and Arthur Berg In memory of Marge and Jerry Faller
Diane Brenum	In gratitude for Larry Marietta and the Old First music ministry
Cindy and Chris Burt	In memory of John Sebastian and his commitment to Old First In memory of the Reverend John Bodo, who married Chris and Cindy and who started Old First Concerts
Tracy Clagett	In memory of Barry Clagett In honor of Michael Berg In honor of Christopher Burt In honor of Kristi Hoerauf
James Fagler and Lori Yamauchi	In gratitude for Jemma Fagler, their wonderful daughter In memory of Thelma Fagler, and Joe and Kay Yamauchi, their parents
Ed Frauenheim	In memory of Edward E. Frauenheim, III In memory of Martha F. Frauenheim
Ariana Lee	In celebration of Easter
Linda Reyder	For the joy of spring
Mary Russell	In honor of Old First staff In honor of Old First officers In honor of Old First children, their parents, and the Sunday School teachers
Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith	In gratitude for the Old First family
Sally Spencer	In honor of Old First staff
Sarah and Steve Taber	In honor of Old First ushers In honor of the Old First choir
Betty and Steve Voris	In gratitude for discovering Old First 28 years ago In gratitude for being blessed with loving and extended families
Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky	In thankfulness for the life and faith of her Grandmother Wilma Webb and of her Grandfather Bobby Glover, now at home with their Savior