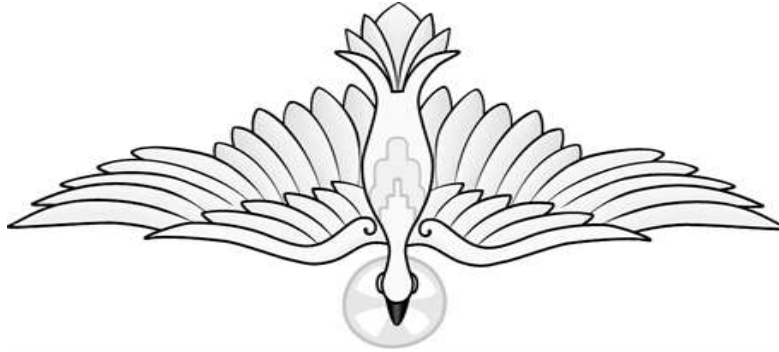


Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
July 27, 2025**

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 Psalm-Prelude, Op 32, No. 1
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
He saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 34:6
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Rev. Erwin Barron

Introit Jarron Carlson, baritone

Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

***Call to Worship**

Betty Voris

Leader The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the fruit of the earth shows forth the work of God's hands.

**People One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imports knowledge to another.**

Leader Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard

**People Their sound has gone out into all the lands
and their message, to the ends of the world.**

Leader God's people will gather from all corners of the earth,
they will come to worship God.

**People We have heard the heavens declare the glory of God;
we have seen the splendor of God's creation.
We have gathered together to give thanks and praise to God.**

***Hymn 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

**Prayer of
Confession**

Betty Voris

**All God of the universe, we have not always acted in ways
that enhance life for our communities,
our world, or our environment.
We have forgotten to honor the sacredness
and grandeur of your creation.
Our fears and our selfishness have prevented us
from seeing others as your children. Amen**

Silence for time of reflection

Leader Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

We forget that you have already blessed us
and come to worship again and again to be reminded.
Let us communally remember the forgiveness and pardon
God offers us freely.

All

**Your Spirit sweeps over us as it swept over the waters
on that first day of creation, calling forth life from the void.
Birth in us a spirit of love, compassion, and courage
that your reign might be on earth as it is in heaven.
Assured of our forgiveness, we are compelled
to act to free others and remind them of your love.**

***Hymn 466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts *sung three times*
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.*



Solo

Love Bade Me Welcome
Jarron Carlson, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and Sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first in entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat;
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

***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**

Hsiaochien Chuang

Prayer Partners

Maryam, Dianne Middleton, Cheryl Min, Pierre Moyé, Lois Nason,
Bryan Nichols and Robin Currier, Chuck and Emily Olson, Karyn
Payne

**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

Hosea 1:2-10 (p. 787), Luke 11:1-13 (p. 67-68)

Leader

The Word of God in scripture.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Liberating Failure and Prodigal Prayers

Dr. Megan Rohrer

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 175**

Seek Ye First

1

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia.**

- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia.
- 3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata

*During the postlude, you may either depart or take a seat to listen, as you wish.
However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.*

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Today's Guest Preacher: Megan Rohrer

Our guest preacher today Dr. Megan Rohrer, is a social justice influencer known for their advocacy with the homeless and LGBTQ communities whose latest book for Arcadia Publishing's Images in America Series tells the history of San Francisco's Transgender District with historic images from the 1880s through the present and is available now. Megan has received numerous awards including an honorable mention as an Unsung Hero of Compassion by Wisdom in Action, with His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his more than a decade of work and eating with the homeless and hungry, here at Old First.

Today's Flowers

Cindy and Chris Burt have given today's flowers in memory of Cindy's sister Debbie Oelke.

Today's Coffee Hour

Today's coffee hour has been given by Lori Yamauchi and Jim Fagler in gratitude for the Deacons of Old First.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, August 2



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, August 2**, when volunteers from Old First and St. Luke's staff the Interfaith Food Pantry.

To visit the sign-up webpage, simply use the QR-code to the right or click on the link below... or just show up!



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour

A Sunday without coffee hour would be too terrible in our so often foggy, gray July. So help cut the summer gloominess by sponsoring coffee hour!

Of course, sponsoring coffee hour is also a great opportunity for you to honor someone or commemorate some event. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry. The cost to sponsor coffee hour is only \$50.00.

August 3rd will be a hymn sing Sunday. We will use the whole hymnal; look for hymns that bring you joy or refresh your spirit.

Mark your calendars now for **August 10th** when Dr. Brad Peterson, our amazing Office Administrator, will lead a class following coffee hour on the "Painted" glass windows which surround the sanctuary. Did you know they represent many reformed creeds and confessions from around the world?

The Message by Eugene Peterson-Maggi often refers to this translation in her sermons. She ordered copies (big print) which are available in the church office for \$5. You can pay in cash, or go to our on line giving, study book fund: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>

As If We Were Dreaming

Pastor Maggi is

volunteering at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium **As If We Were Dreaming** in Louisville, Kentucky starting July 25th. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) is an ecumenical event hosted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that gathers high school age young people every three years. It is a well-planned and thoughtfully led event focused on worship, disciple making, Christian compassion, justice and biblical/theological education. It is also a catalyst for many young people to take the next steps in their faith. The theme is Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. It is often through dreams that God speaks to God's beloved. Sometimes it is a promise. Sometimes it is a warning. Always, it is a reminder that we are not alone; God sees us and is with us. There is a passage in the Psalms where God's exiled people were all but without hope, wondering if God had forgotten them. But God restored their hope and brought them back home. The only way they could describe their experience was that it was **"as if we were dreaming."**

When God restores our hope and brings us back to ourselves (physically, spiritually, metaphorically) it can seem as if it is a dream; a dream come true. The thought of bringing young people together in this post-pandemic, complex, and sometimes frightening world feels "as if we are dreaming. We can only imagine that following the isolation of the past few years, the experience of joining with thousands of young people from across the country and world will be rather unreal and dream-like for young people (and adults!) at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Hence, the theme **As If We Were Dreaming**.

This Week at Old First

Sunday July 27

After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday August 2

9:00 am Old First staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry: Sign up today!

Sunday August 3

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary Hymn Sing

After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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