

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
August 17, 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

Aria

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Welcome and Church Life

The Reverend Erwin Barron

Introit

Jean Strathdee (born 1944) and Jim Strathdee (born 1941)

Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

***Call to Worship**

Carolyn Asbury

Leader We gather in this holy place
unsure of where we should be.

People Show us the way, O God.

Leader We know God is here;
we know God created us and our world,
but we are not sure of why we are here.

People Show us who we are, O God.

Leader We know God is love;
we know God loves us,
but we have trouble discovering how to live out that love.

People Show us how to love, O God.

Leader We come here today to find God,
to find our place in the universe,
to find ourselves.

People Let us worship God.

***Hymn 345 In an Age of Twisted Values**

- 1 In an age of twisted values, we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language, we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions, we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.
- 2 We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
- 3 When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
when our children are bewildered, when they lost ether way in life,
when we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.
- 4 We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Carolyn Asbury

All We are often lost, O God!
We stand before you confused.
When we lose our purpose in life,
we ask, "Why am I here?"
When we are unable to do the right thing,
we ask, "What should I do?"

When we feel lost in this troubled world,
we ask, "Where do I go?"
When we doubt your presence in the chaos around us,
we wonder, "How can I be sure of you?"
Forgive our confusion, our doubt,
our uncertainty, our lack of initiative.
Forgive our inability
to be your force for good in the world

Silence to contemplate our own shortcomings

O God of the universe, in our confusion,
make us sure of your presence and your power,
give us courage and confidence, and
help us to show love, justice and hope
to a world that needs you so deeply.
Stand with us, in our time, O God.
Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

We are assured that the Lord our God is one God.
And we shall love the Lord our God
with all our heart and
with all our soul and
with all our might.

And God assures us of God's love and forgiveness.

All

We are forgiven.
Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

***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 Turn! Turn! Turn!

Pete Seeger (1919-2014)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Refrain To everything, turn, turn, turn,
there is a season, turn, turn, turn,
and a time for every purpose under heaven.

A time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, a time to reap;
a time to kill, a time to heal;
a time to laugh, a time to weep. *Refrain*

A time to build up, a time to break down;
a time to dance, a time to mourn;
a time to cast away stones,
a time to gather stones together. *Refrain*

A time of love, a time of hate;
a time of war, a time of peace;
a time you may embrace,
a time to refrain from embracing. *Refrain*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

***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

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ecclesiastes 3:9-13,
Micah 6:8, Matthew 22:36-40, Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon To Live is to Dance The Reverend Erwin Barron

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer
of Thanksgiving**

Leader God be with you.
People And also with you.
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to God.
Leader Let us give thanks to God our Maker.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.
From the beginning your Word has summoned light and life.
You give us breath and speech,
You give us meaning and purpose.
Your mysterious presence is made known to us in the everyday.
**People Be present for us in this bread and this wine
And be present in us as we consume them.
At this table, may we no longer have unanswerable questions,
but may we know your presence in and through us.**
Leader God of love, we commemorate the love of Jesus
whom death could not bind
but who rose from the grave
and sits exalted in glory on the throne of creation.
As the splendor of this love breaks in upon us, may it find us
ever watchful in prayer,
strong to respond, and
faithful to the breaking of the bread.
Then, at last, all creation will be one,
and all divisions healed.
And we shall sing your praise
united forever in the name of Jesus Christ.
All AMEN.

**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.

Gluten-free bread is available from the pastor upon request.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 157**

I Danced in the Morning

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on.
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.
- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude

Festal Flourish

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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 Coffee Hour

George Sutton, Jr., has given today's coffee hour with blessings on college.

Memorial Service for Andy Cheng, August 23

A memorial service for Andy Cheng will be held at Old First Presbyterian Church this Saturday, August 23, at 12:30 pm. The service will also be live-streamed and recorded for those that are unable to attend. Andy's family gives thanks for your on-going prayers and support.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, August 23

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on August 23. 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 us using this address: 4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org

Mural Planning Meeting, August 24

After worship on Sunday, August 24, we will hold a Mural Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:30 pm to learn about the proposal for a mural on the west wall of our Old First Garage. We will generate ideas for its content and how best to proclaim love and justice in our neighborhood.

Help EcHouse Greet SFSU Students, August 26

You have a chance to meet and encourage college students! Old First is working with Ecumenical House (EcHouse), our campus ministry at San Francisco State University (SFSU), on Tuesday, August 26. We will offer free coffee and sandwiches to students returning for the first week of the new semester. We need a few volunteers that Tuesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to help serve sandwiches, offer a smile and friendly encouragement, and chat with the college students who stop by. What better way to show Christian love than to offer food and a smile? We will meet at EcHouse by the main entrance of SFSU on 19th Avenue to give away free sandwiches. Everyone is welcome! It's easy, fun activity, that can be done sitting down! Please join us. Let Sidney Hollar or Erwin Barron know that you can join us.

Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour

A Sunday without coffee hour would be too terrible in the month of "Fogust." So help cut the August gloom by sponsoring coffee hour!

Of course, sponsoring coffee hour is also a great opportunity for you to honor someone or to 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week at Old First</p>
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Sunday August 17

After Worship Coffee Hour
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday August 19

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On Line

Friday August 22

8:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival

Saturday August 23

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
 12:30 pm Memorial Service for Andy Cheng
 5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Sunday August 24

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 After worship Coffee Hour
 12:30 pm Mural Planning Meeting, Fellowship Hall
 4:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival
 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