

## Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

*To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!*

*\*Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.  
(The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold**.)*

### WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Improvisation* K. Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Introit *The People Are Gathered Together* J.N. Beck

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 22:25-31*

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord, our God.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**People: Dominion and power belong to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations and all people.**

Leader: Before him shall bow all who are in the dust,  
and we shall live for the Lord, our God, forever.

**People: Future generations will be told about the Lord;  
proclaiming his deliverance to a people yet unborn.**

Leader: Offering our praise to the Lord and proclaiming his great deeds,  
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship our God together.

\*Hymn 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you assure us of your presence in our hearts and lives through the promise of Easter, but we quickly forget. We experience moments that fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit and empower us to go out with your name on our lips. But we live in a world with competing priorities and far too often, we allow the foundation of your eternal truths to crumble away as we anchor our lives in temporary things. We confuse the fleeting, empty promises offered to us by others, with your eternal promise of love, failing to fully live as a people of resurrected joy in thought, word, and deed.**

**Loving God, embrace us in our shortcomings and work within us to restore the gifts of hope, faith, and life that you have extended to all your children. Give us pure hearts that we may see you ... humble hearts that we may hear you ... loving hearts that we may serve you ... faithful hearts that we may honor you ... and reverent hearts that we may worship you. Restore in us a strong foundation of faith in the one who gave his life and rose again. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Christ, the Lord and Savior of our lives ...**

*(Please continue in silent prayer of confession.)*

Together, let all of God's people say ... **amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.  
In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace.  
To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise (Hymn 240) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks  
(We will sing the refrain, verse 2, and the refrain once more.)*

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.*

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson John 21:1-14 New Testament, p. 115 / P. 141

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *I Will Lift My Eyes* D. Nolan  
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Our Young Disciples

Congregational Invitation (*Sung Twice*)

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.**

*(Church school is available for children preschool through 6th grade.)*

Second Lesson John 21:15-19 New Testament, p. 116 / P. 142

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Feed My Sheep"*

\*Hymn 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\*Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Declare Your Praise* M. McDonald  
Sanctuary Choir

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Choral Response (Hymn 647, no repeats)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*The congregation is invited to share our prayer requests with one another.*

*If you would like to share a prayer request, please raise your hand  
and the Pastor will invite you to share your need for prayer.*

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

\*Hymn 762 *When the Poor Ones / Cuando el pobre*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*

*Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.*

*May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.*

*Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.*

*Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.*

\*Postlude *Trumpet Tune in E* D.N. Johnson

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*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by  
Carol and brother Bill in loving memory of their parents,  
Mildred and William Sansom, and brother, Robert.*

### THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Mark Rapko, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

*If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor to our church family, please allow us  
to extend a special welcome to you. We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after  
worship for coffee, tea, cookies, and a chance to learn more about Old First.*

*Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our  
Pastor, Matthew Means. Thank you for joining us and welcome to our family of faith!*

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list this week:

**George West**  
**(Father of Deborah Panagacos and Grandfather of Gus Panagacos)**

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, William Gray (Father of Dorothy Mandrakos), Dave and Else Haddock, Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Virginia Perry, Angelica Richter, James Schubauer, Rod Tibbetts (Husband of Martha Tibbetts), Arthur Whitfield (Cousin of Emil Backstrom), and Grace Youngquist.

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Pastor Means.

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Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

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Key elements of today's service of worship include ...

**Prelude**

The pre-service music is an opportunity for us to be called out of the world and into the presence of God, preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship God together.

**Welcome / Opening Prayer / Call to Worship**

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are called to worship in Spirit and Truth. We pray for an awareness of God's presence in our worship and share a responsive "Call to Worship," based upon the lectionary Psalm of the day.

**Confessional Liturgy**

Recognizing that all have fallen short of the glory of God by failing to love and serve God perfectly, we are invited to join together in confessing our corporate and individual sin. After sharing the "Prayer of Confession," we sing our desire for God's mercy ("Kyrie Eleison"). We listen for the "Assurance of Our Forgiveness" in Jesus Christ and then proclaim our gratitude both in song ("Gloria Patri") and through the sharing of God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ ("Passing of the Peace.")

**Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings**

Given the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word, we pray for God to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive and live the Word of God read and proclaimed. We believe that Scripture (the Bible) is the Spirit-inspired Word of God for the people of God. Usually, two Scripture passages are read, each one relating to the Pastor's message as well as the overall spirit, theme, and direction of the service of worship.

**Time with Our Young Disciples**

Children and their faith growth are very important to our church family. Jesus called God's children to his presence to love and teach them and it is our great joy to do the same! Our children have special time in worship to hear the message in ways that help them consider God's Word for their faith and lives. Those who are between preschool and sixth grade are then given the opportunity to exit worship for a time of church school.

**Sermon**

The pastor then enters the pulpit to deliver the sermon, which is intended to offer some comment or instruction on the Bible readings in the service and some challenge to the congregation to live the Christian life, understand the Christian faith, or affirm the Christian commitment. The sermon usually lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.

**Affirmation of Faith**

Following the proclamation of God's Word, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's action in our lives as we affirm the faith we share by reciting the Apostles' Creed.

**Offering**

The ministry of Old First is supported by members and friends of the congregation responding to God by giving our financial gifts. The offering is the moment in the service when, out of gratitude to God, members of the community of faith **freely choose** to give financial gifts to Christ's ministry in and through Old First as an expression of our faith.

**Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer**

One of the great joys of being called to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ is our opportunity to pray for and with one another. We share our prayer requests as a family of faith, gather in a pastor-led prayer, and conclude our prayers by praying the Lord's Prayer **together**, showing our desire to live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

**Charge and Benediction**

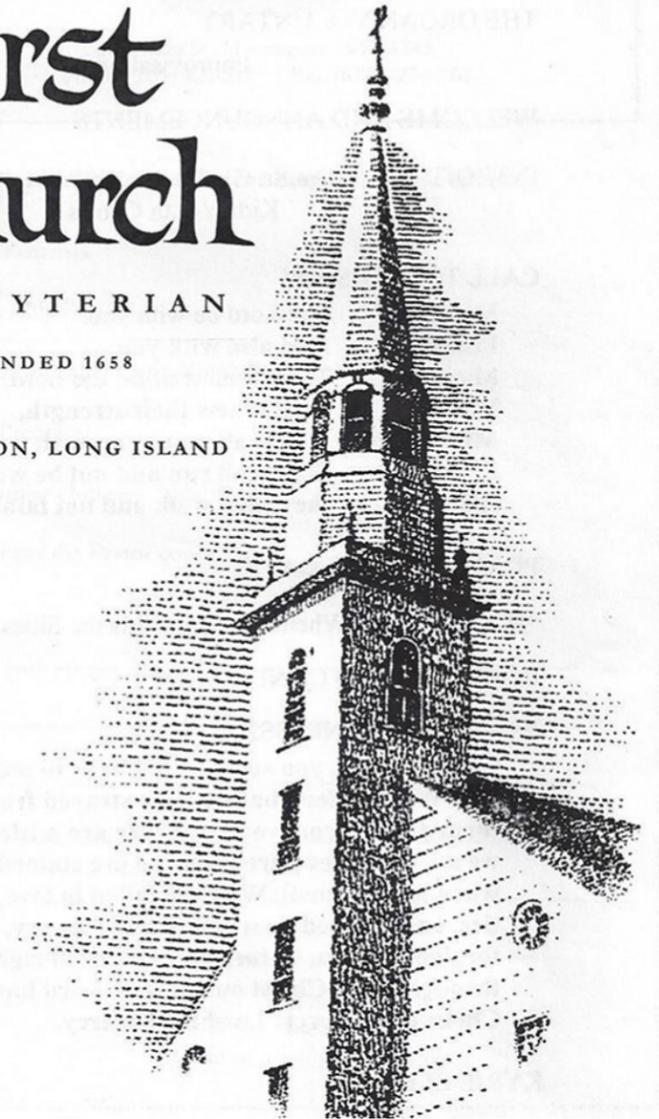
We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 29, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

## **John 21:1-14**

**New Testament, p. 115 / P. 141**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

<sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard

that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **John 14:15-19**

**New Testament, p. 116 / P. 142**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**