

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

Gathering Song *Spirit of the Living God* Hymn 288
(Sung twice, second time replacing "me" with "us.")

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 130*

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
hear my voice and answer my prayer!

**People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice
of our prayers and supplications.**

Leader: There is forgiveness with the Lord, our God;
let us revere the name of our loving God.

**People: We wait for the Lord; our souls wait upon God
as we hope in the Word of our Lord.**

Leader: With the Lord there is steadfast love
and with him is great power to redeem and save.

**People: It is our God alone who redeems;
salvation is at hand for those who love the Lord!**

Leader: In praise and thanksgiving for God's loving forgiveness,
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship our God together.

*Hymn 762 *When the Poor Ones*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Stephen Fearing, posted on Wild and Precious Life*)

Gracious God, you sent Jesus to point the way to you, but too often, we abandon his message and point to ourselves instead. We point to our worship preferences rather than to the God we worship. We point to our status rather than to the grace that makes us equal. We point to our values rather than to the One who values everyone. We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go. We point to our past rather than to the One who leads us into the future. Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in the wrong directions.

Loving God, forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction or when we become too patient with our own misdirection. Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point others to the One who takes away the sins of the world. We pray together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ ...

(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 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

*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 Mark 5:21-29 New Testament, p. 39 / P. 48

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Sound the Trumpet* H. Purcell
Lynda Fallica, Soprano / Martha Tibbetts, Mezzo-Soprano

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 Mark 5:30-43 New Testament, p. 40 / P. 48

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Throw Caution to the Wind"**

*Hymn 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

** When you reach the end of the first three verses, return to the top of the page.
Verse 4 of the hymn is printed at the bottom of the page.*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

The Sacrament of Baptism *Nova Camarata*

Meaning and Institution

* Vows

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (See Next Page)*

Prayer for Blessing

The Baptism

Welcome

*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 *Laudamus Te* A. Vivaldi
Lynda Fallica, Soprano / Martha Tibbetts, Mezzo-Soprano

*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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

Communion

All are invited to hold the bread and cup so that we may commune together.

Prayer after Communion

Offering of Our Time and Talent

*Hymn 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

*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 *Fughetta* T. Dubois

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list:

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

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, Gabby (14 year-old) and her Parents (Audra and Dave), Dave and Else Haddock, Beth Lange (Sister of Susan Oehrig), Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Mark Mandrakos, Ken Miller (Husband of Rev. Anne Stewart Miller), Nancy Paloian, Angelica Richter, James Schubauer, 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.

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Jim Colbert	Kerry Degnan	Curt Abbott
Katie Dopico	Jerry Kessler	Tom Bosch
Beverly Elliott	Susan Oehrig	Gloria Burgess
Gretchen Hargis	Gillian Plastaras	Philip Heinz
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Marge Sammis		

Thomas Bosch, *Clerk of Session*
Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS:

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	Faith Youngquist	

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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.*

Communion / The Lord's Supper

*We are blessed to be nourished - physically and spiritually - at the Lord's Table by bread and grape juice. These are visible reminders of the invisible grace of God, reminding us of the love of God, shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our invitation to the Lord's Table is for **all who trust and believe in Jesus Christ**.*

Charge and Benediction

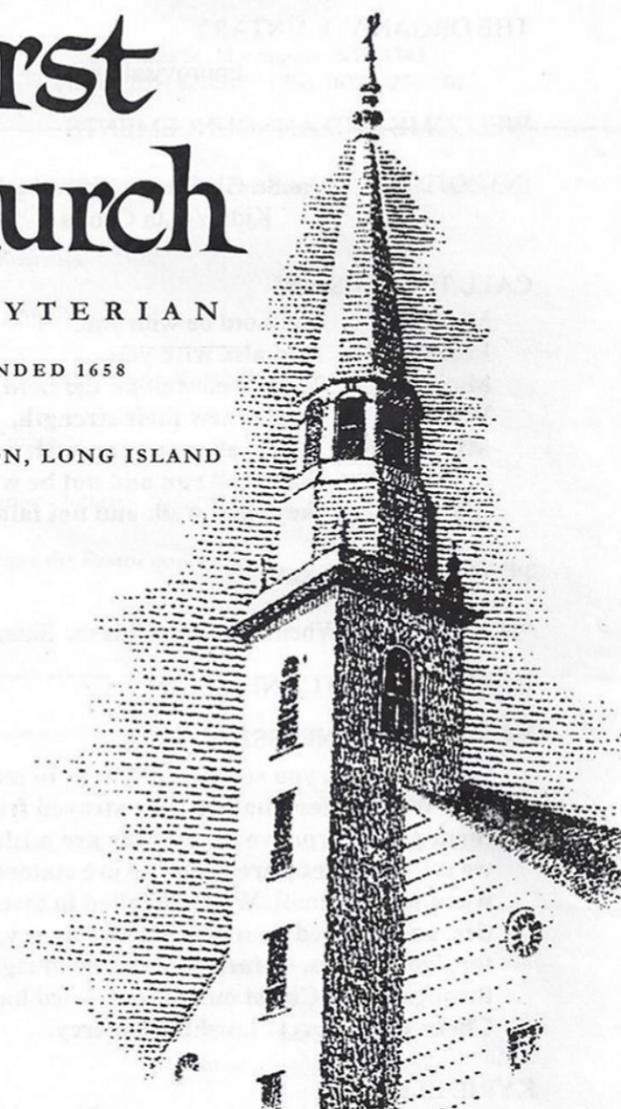
We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION AND**

BAPTISM OF NOVA CAMARATA

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

10:00 AM

Mark 5:21-29

New Testament, p. 39 / P. 48

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.

²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 5:30-43

New Testament, p. 40 / P. 48

³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² He looked all around to see who had done it.

³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age).

At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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Thanks be to God.