

## 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 *As the Deer* Hymn 626

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 9*

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will tell of God's wonderful deeds to all people.

**People: We will be glad and exult in you, O God;  
we will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: For you have maintained my just cause;  
sitting on your throne in righteousness and judgment.

**People: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed;  
a strong foundation in times of trouble and distress.**

Leader: Those who know God put their trust in God;  
for you, O Lord, do not forsake or abandon your children.

**People: Let us sing praises to the Lord, our God,  
who does not forget the cries of the afflicted.**

Leader: Giving glory and honor to God, our Lord and our Savior,  
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship God together.

\*Hymn 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, in light of your desire to see past our outward behavior and look instead at our inward heart, we find ourselves struggling with what this means for our lives. Like countless disciples in the past, we question whether or not we may be truly changed, so that we too may look at others through your eyes. But we remain challenged by our response to change, so lost in our own questions and absorbed in our own experiences, that we are often blind to your eternal presence. You walk beside us and among us; continuing to guide, teach, and inspire; but we fail to recognize you and follow.**

**Loving God, as we gather together as your people; sons and daughters of the Risen and Living Christ; open our eyes once more to your presence among us. Help us live by the example of our Christ, seeing the value of sisters and brothers in faith through divine eyes, and measuring the worth of all God's children from the inward heart. Forgive our moments of blind ignorance and re-awaken in us a bold and confident desire to serve you faithfully. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who reveals all things to us in time ...**

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

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 Romans 10:8-15 New Testament, p. 160 / P. 194

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* M. Hayes  
Diane Starost, Mezzo-Soprano

Time with Our Young Disciples

*Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to come to the front pews.*

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 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

Second Lesson Psalm 42:1-11 Old Testament, p. 515 / P. 633

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message **"Burned Biscuits"**

\*Hymn 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\* Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith - PC(USA)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *The Lord's Prayer* A.H. Malotte  
Diane Starost, Mezzo-Soprano

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

\*Prayer of Dedication

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.**

\*Hymn 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*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

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*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by the leadership of the Clothesline Thrift Store in joyful celebration of the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this vital ministry, all of our faithful volunteers, and our supportive congregation.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Pastor

Lilly Polak, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

*Thank you for worshipping with us and being part of our family of faith!*

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!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

**New to the prayer list:**

**Harry Rooker (Father of Laure McKenna) - health concerns**  
**Holly Baptista - recovery from recent surgery**

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

Tom and JoAnn Bosch, Dave and Else Haddock, David and Sandy Lange, Joan and Pat Lobasso, Don Thompson, Diane Walker, Peg Weigers, and Grace Youngquist.

*Names on our prayer list will remain for one month.*

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

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

Class of 2019

Jim Colbert  
Beverly Elliott  
Gretchen Hargis  
Amy Girimonti  
Marge Sammis

Class of 2020

Kerry Degnan  
Susan Oehrig  
Gillian Plataras  
Melissa Terc

Class of 2021

Curt Abbott  
Tom Bosch  
Gloria Burgess  
Philip Heinz  
Mark Rapko

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

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Martha Tibbetts  
Leslie Yovino

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Dan Degnan  
Robert Ponzetti  
Kathy Porter  
Mary Porter

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Judy Gilbert  
Matthew Girimonti  
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# Old First Church

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 23, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

## **Romans 10:8-15**

**New Testament, p. 160 / P. 194**

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

<sup>9</sup> Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

<sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 42:1-11**

**Old Testament, p. 515 / P. 633**

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?” <sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help <sup>6</sup> and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” <sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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