

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 30*

Leader: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me out of the depths and raised me on high.

People: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help; you heard my prayers and answered me.

Leader: Sing the praises of the Lord; all God's faithful people shout praises to God's holy name!

People: Our weeping may last for the night, but the joy of the Lord comes with the morning!

Leader: You turn my wailing into dancing; you remove my heartache and fill me with eternal joy.

People: O Lord, our God, we will praise your name forever; our hearts will sing out in joyful praise.

Leader: Giving thanks for the God who hears our prayers with mercy, let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship our God together.

*Hymn 504 *We Come as Guests Invited*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you prepare a table for us, but we want to assign seats. You offer a banquet, but we want to write the guest list. You invite all to join your feast, but we make excuses for why we cannot come. You provide enough for us, but we want more than enough, even as we see others unable to fill basic needs. We consume, but fail to give thanks, share our bounty, or carry one another's burdens. We are offered a sacrament, but we manage to make it all about ourselves. We set our own tables that you so rightly desire to overturn.

Loving God, forgive our table manners. Turn our meals into celebrations, our feasts into fellowship, and our consumption into communion. As we gather around reminders of your grace, may we remember your unconditional love and be driven to share it with others. Strengthen us to live our lives in thought, word, and deed, as examples of our Christ. Overflow our hearts with the joy of following you and fill our minds with memories of faith as we share bread and cup. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior ...

(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 Philippians 2:5-11 New Testament, p. 197 / P. 240

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. M. Hayes
Julie Salzano, Soprano

Time with Our Young Disciples

Preschool through 6th 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.**

Our young disciples are invited to return to their families to share in Communion.

Second Lesson Luke 22:14-23 New Testament, p. 86 / P. 105

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message **"What Will You Remember?"**

*Hymn 537 *When at This Table*

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.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *The Gospel of Peace* arr. M. Hayes
Julie Salzano, Soprano

*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Communion will be served today by intinction.

*Ushers will invite you to come forward via the center aisle to
take a large piece of bread from the loaf, dip it into the cup, and partake.*

You are then invited to return to your pew via the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward, the servers will bring the elements to you.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*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 *Concerto #4 in F (Presto)* G.F. Handel

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Pastor

Elder Curt Abbott, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

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!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list:

**Feltman Family (health concerns for Eric)
Family of Theresa Luberto (Aunt of Leslie Schult) - recent death**

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

Holly Baptista, Tom and JoAnn Bosch, Dave and Else Haddock, David and Sandy Lange, Joan and Pat Lobasso, Harry Rooker (Father of Laure McKenna), 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:

Class of 2020

Meghan Alexander
Kerry Degnan
Susan Oehrig
Gillian Plastaras
Melissa Terc

Class of 2021

Curt Abbott
Tom Bosch
Gloria Burgess
Philip Heinz
Mark Rapko

Class of 2022

John Collins
Amy Girimonti
Laure McKenna
Mary Porter
Leslie Schult

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

OLD FIRST CHURCH DEACONS:

Class of 2020

Leeanne M. Bedell
Richard C. Bedell
Dan Degnan
Robert Ponzetti
Kathy Porter
Mary Porter

Class of 2021

Vera Dole
Asenath Fuchs
Carol Breckner
Judy Gilbert
Matthew Girimonti
Virginia Greene

Class of 2022

Arden Benvenuti
Bruce Benvenuti
Cheryl Grossman
Jennifer Heinz
Kate Starr Newell
Martha Tibbetts

OLD FIRST CHURCH TRUSTEES:

Class of 2020

Robert Ponzetti
James Thatcher
Charles Worledge

Class of 2021

Nathaniel Corwin
Bruce Elliott
Gerry Schult

Class of 2022

Curt Abbott
Dan Degnan
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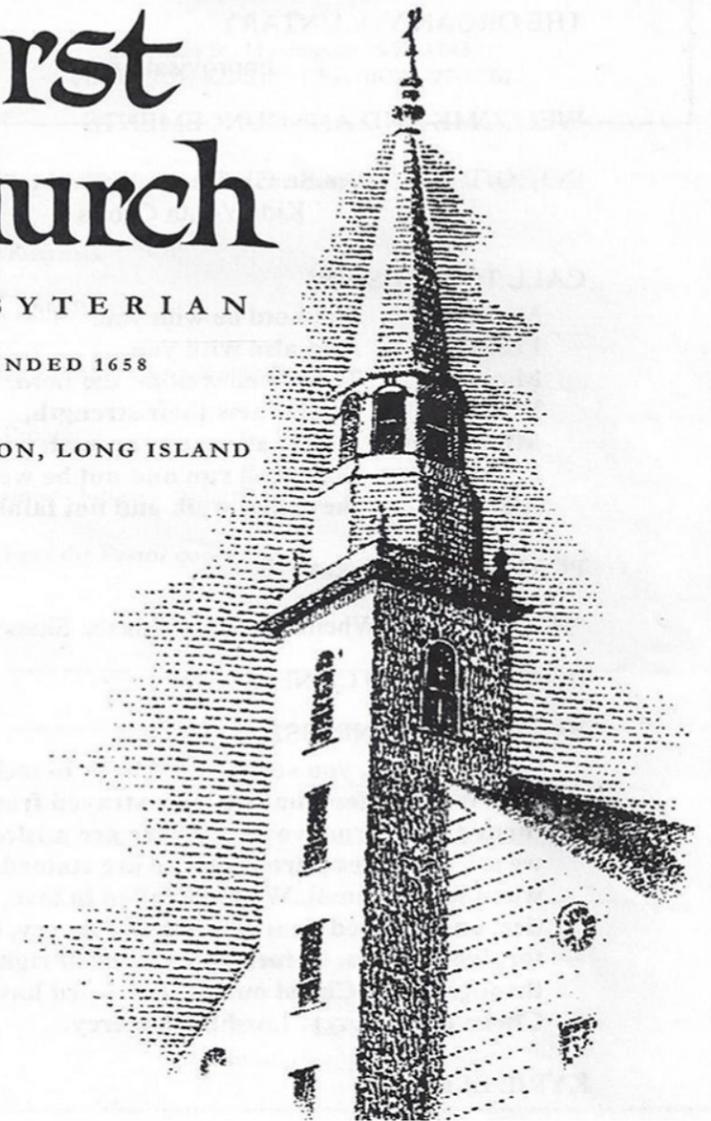
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

JULY 7, 2019

10:00 AM

Philippians 2:5-11

New Testament, p. 197 / P. 240

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 22:14-23

New Testament, p. 86 / P. 105

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.