

## 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 *Andante Cantabile (Trombone Concerto)* Rimsky-Korsakov  
Abigael Friese, Trombone

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Gathering Song *The Lord Is My Light* F. Allitsen  
Gabriella DiStasi, Soprano

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 111*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Rejoice and give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart!

**People: Great are the works of our God, treasured by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty are the works of God's hands; God's love endures forever.

**People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, gaining fame through his wonderful deeds.**

Leader: The Lord has shown his people the power of his works; faithful, just, and trustworthy.

**People: Holy and awesome is the name of God! Let all of God's people praise God forever!**

Leader: Rejoicing in the majestic glory and greatness of our God, let us lift our hearts and voices in joyful praise and thanksgiving!

Message **“Then Sings My Soul”**

\*Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, in Jesus Christ you came among us as eternal light shining in constant darkness. We confess that we have not always lived in ways that welcome your light in our lives or trust your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory among us; expecting little of ourselves and hoping for even less. Rather than filling our lives with songs of your praise and thanksgiving — the music of eternal life — we have allowed our spirits to remain silent in the face of failure and shortcoming.**

**Merciful and forgiving God, free us from doubt and renew our hope in Jesus Christ, that we may discover the fullness of your eternal grace with each new day. Help us to live in the truth of Christ, our Lord, who saves us from our sin; the truth extending far beyond the boundaries of music, rhythm, and verse. Give us the words to share your love, grace, and mercy every day of our lives; confident in the everlasting hope of Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we lift our hearts and voices in prayer ...**

*(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 Psalm 150:1-5 Old Testament, p. 583 / P. 717

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 840 *When Peace like a River*

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 students preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

Second Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 New Testament, p. 201 / P. 246

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn (See Insert) *In the Garden*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

The Sacrament of Baptism *Pierce Michael Murphy*

Meaning and Institution

\* Vows

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

Prayer for Blessing

The Baptism

Welcome

*As we welcome Pierce following his baptism, please be prepared to join in singing the first and last verse of Hymn 488, "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry."*

\* 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 *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them (Messiah)* G.F. Handel  
Gabriella DiStasi, 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 (See Insert) *Because He Lives*

\*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 in F* G. F. Handel

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#### THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Pastor

Elder Mark Rapko, 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.

**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:**

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

Amaya (Granddaughter of Christine Rimmer), Holly Baptista, Tom and JoAnn Bosch, Feltman Family, Dave and Else Haddock, Brian Joy (Friend of Beauchamp family), David and Sandy Lange, Joan and Pat Lobasso, Brett Raynor and his parents (Robert and Cynthia), Don Thompson, and Peg Weigers

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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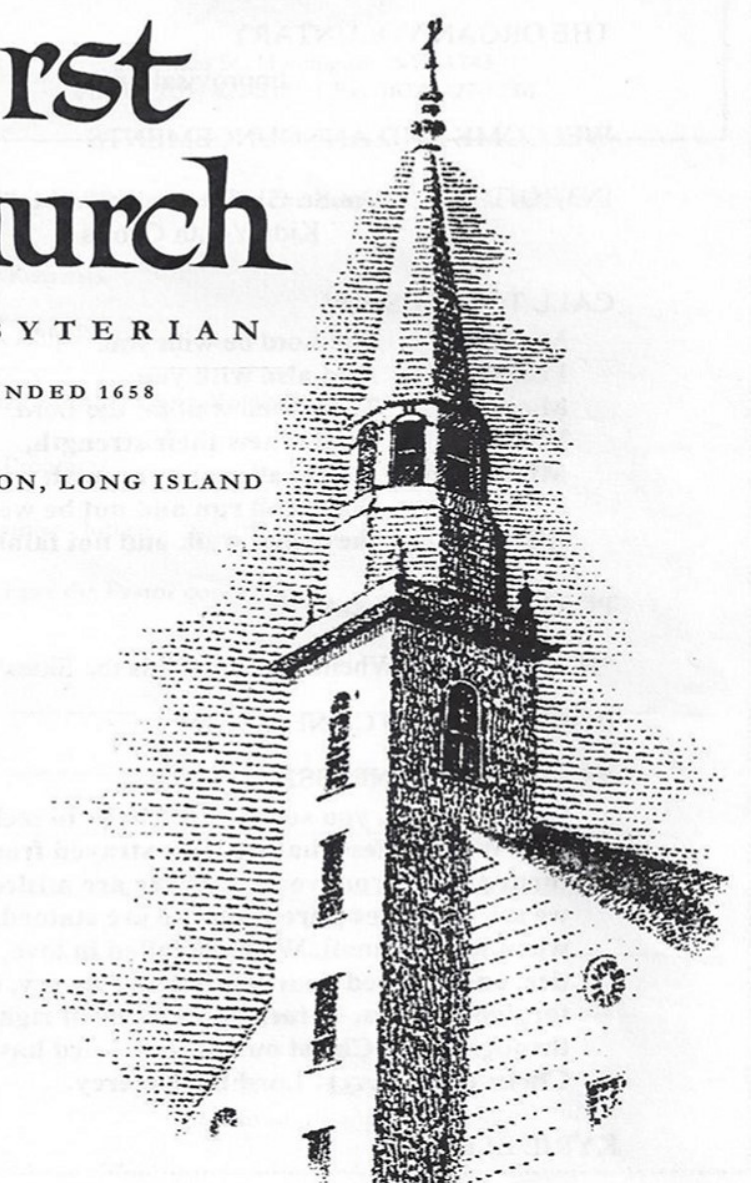
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# Old First Church

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

## **Psalm 150:1-5**

**Old Testament, p. 583 / P. 717**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Colossians 3:12-17**

**New Testament, p. 201 / P. 246**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**