



## OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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### EBULLETIN FOR 4TH PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

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Please have ready your bowl with water, a cloth, your candle, your bread, and your cup of wine or juice.

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#### I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE                      *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*                      J.S. Bach

VOTUM AND SALUTATION

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 101                      Seeking water, seeking shelter, gasps the thirsty, weary deer;  
so my soul in times of trouble longs for God's refreshment here.  
In this stressful course of life, in its loneliness and strife,  
"When," say I, "will God deliver; is his mercy gone forever?"

No! he is my soul's true fortress; though I hear those voices wild---  
"Where's your God? why has he left you?"----he will not forget his child.  
Come then, be my advocate, come, your servant vindicate;  
Then no more in fruitless sorrow shall I face a barren morrow.

Send your light and truth to lead me; then the path shall I discern  
to my father's house, where welcome waits the prodigal's return.  
Then new songs shall fill my days, ev'ry moment full of praise,  
with the faithful who surround him, with the blest ones who have found him.

**So, my soul, why such disquiet? why such mourning, why such fear?  
Day already breaks on darkness, God has sought you, God is near.  
Hope in God and you shall live; all delight he waits to give;  
peace and power and ev'ry blessing you shall know this faith confessing.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*In unison*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.***

FIRST READING

*Genesis 22:1-14*

Lector: Margaret Kearney

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

CHILDREN OF OLD FIRST

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah  
Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.  
For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORS DANIEL AND MELODY MEETER

SOLO *I'll Not Be a Stranger*

Traditional/Anneke Eppley

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:24-39* Lector: Margaret Kearney  
Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Binding of Isaac*

Pastor Meeter

ASCRIPTION OF GLORY AND SILENCE

HYMN 172      How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word:  
what more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid:  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you in trouble to bless  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you, my only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
he will not, he cannot desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
he never will leave, he will never forsake.

APOSTLES CREED (In unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
(564) Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ABSOLUTION

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all. (*We pass the peace via Zoom.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's service recognitions  
Wednesday evening Vespers  
Virtual Coffee Hour  
Godly Play / Children-in-Worship  
Interim Minister  
Brooklyn Relief Kitchen / Cooking for CHiPS  
Other Announcements

Testimony: from the Belhar Confession

2. We believe

in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;
- that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;
- that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;
- which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;
- which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;
- which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lindsay Gavin

*In need:* Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh, Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, Ron, Susanna.

*In ministry or service:* Dr. Jessica, Dr. Paul, Jabe, Jack, Jeff, Housing Plus, and CHiPS.

OFFERING

*The Deacons*

While we worship together online, we can still make our offerings. Our preferred method is the digital platform Tithely, which you can find as a smart-phone app or as a link at OldFirstBrooklyn.org. Please consider covering the processing fee to make your gift go farther. If you prefer to mail a check, please note whether your gift is for the general fund, mission, or the capital campaign. And please consider giving for our mission work with CHiPS and Housing Plus, as well as our Brooklyn Relief Kitchen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RINSE YOUR HANDS: I am baptized.

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

SET YOUR TABLES

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE

The Light of Christ.

**The Light of Christ.**

Thanks be to God.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, O God, and our joyful duty, to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You created the heaven with its host and the earth with its plenty. You have given us life, and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love by sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty savior, who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole church on earth, and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!**

Holy and righteous Father, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice once offered on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection, and in expectation of his coming again, we offer to you ourselves, as holy and living sacrifices, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen, **Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the body and blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him who is the head, even Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into these loaves, and these grapes from many hills into these cups, grant Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so come Lord Jesus, Maranatha, Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:

**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.**

INSTITUTION

**The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it,**

**and he gave it to them, saying,**

**“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.”**

*Take the bread*

*Raise the bread*

*Break the bread*

*Share the bread.*

**After the same manner also he took the cup,**

**Saying, “This cup in the new testament in my blood,**

**poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Take, drink it in remembrance of me.”**

*Take the cup*

*Raise the cup*

*Drink from the cup.*

\*COMMUNION

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
    And all that is within me, bless his holy Name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
    And forget not all his benefits.  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
    Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the Pit,  
    Who crowns you with steadfast mercy and loving-kindness.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
    Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
    Nor reward us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
    So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
    So far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father pities his children,  
    So the Lord pities those who fear him,  
Who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all  
    And will also give us all things with him.  
Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord  
    From this time forth and forever more.

SOLO

*How Beautiful Are the Feet*

Handel's Messiah

Jennifer Nelson

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF REV. DR. DANIEL JAMES MEETER

HYMN 464

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Come almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**



## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord's countenance be lifted upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren* J.S. Bach

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## ii. Announcements

Old First is working on creating a new prayer team, to bring our biggest issues and individual requests to God in prayer as we face many new challenges. We hope to find a time to meet weekly to pray together via Zoom, and also to write prayers to be shared with the consistory and the larger congregation. We have a lot of committees at Old First, but not many of them are for directly talking to God; this is important work, and we hope you'll consider whether you can help to lead and support our congregation in this way. If you're interested or you'd like to know more, please contact Jessica Stockton Bagnulo; you can email [jsbagnulo@gmail.com](mailto:jsbagnulo@gmail.com), or talk at the virtual coffee hour after the service. You can also send your prayer request to our direct email [prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR follows the service. To log-on, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/402156419>.

MID-WEEK VESPERS on Wednesday evenings from 9:00 to 9:45 p.m. is hosted by the Elders. We greet one another, read the Vespers liturgy and the week's scripture; reflect, share and review prayer requests from our community. please use this zoom link to join. <https://zoom.us/j/314004075>

THE OLD FIRST BROOKLYN RELIEF KITCHEN is cooking up a storm and sending out lots of free food. You can volunteer to prepare and package fresh meals, and help delivery to 3 sites: CHiPS, Camp Friendship and Red Hook, plus a new site in Coney Island (probably more to come).

You can volunteer to help by Contacting Piper the Volunteer Coordinator at :  
[piper@brooklynreliefkitchen.org](mailto:piper@brooklynreliefkitchen.org)

We will be accepting drop off donations Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wed 10 a.m- 4 p.m. at the front entrance at 126 7th ave under the tent.

OUR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE: HousingPlus provides housing and services for women who have been incarcerated and marginalized in New York City—including an apartment to call home. They support about 150 women and 94 children in overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, and trauma. CHiPS, on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Park Slope, provides meals and housing for the needy, especially now. Our Old First CHiPS team is Donate through our collection for mission. If you start using Tithely, you can designate gifts for mission, or you can write “Mission” on any donation mailed directly to church.

THE CONSISTORY HAS APPROVED A NOMINEE FOR INTERIM PASTOR. Contractual details are being worked out now.

BAROQUELYN: After two months of weekly spotlight concerts, Baroquelyn is taking a little breather. We aim to have one concert a month for the summer while we look ahead to some fun fall programming. Stay tuned for announcements in the newsletter and on the website! Subscribe at [www.baroquelyn.com](http://www.baroquelyn.com).

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### iii. Schedule

#### This week

Sunday, June 28

Pastor and Children Farewell – 9:30 a.m., online  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

Wednesday, July 1

Old First Take-Out – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Front Door on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

#### Look Ahead

Sunday, July 5

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online (Pastor's last service)

Wednesday, July 8

Old First Take-Out – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Front Door on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

### iv. Roster

#### Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Meeter, Pastor (718) 614-9763  
Maureen Doyle, Finance & Operations Director (917) 428-0395  
Trentasia Morant, Office Coordinator (718) 638-8300  
Aleeza Meir, Organist (917) 902-0793  
Abraham Barrios, Sexton (718) 638-8300

#### Consistory

| Elders                   |      | Deacons          |      |
|--------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Jessica Stockton Bagnulo | 2021 | Kent Adams       | 2021 |
| Jeff Cribbs              | 2021 | Margaret Kearney | 2022 |
| Ken Nieuwenhuis          | 2022 | Susan Snyder     | 2022 |
| Wayne Adams              | 2023 | Philip Alexander | 2023 |
| Jabe Ziino               | 2023 | Kelly Greene     | 2023 |

#### Officers

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Pastor Daniel Meeter, President | Jeff Cribbs, Vice President                          |
| Kent Adams, Deacons Chair       | Ron Coombs, Clerk pro tem                            |
| Danny Silitonga, Treasurer      | Elisabeth Gaikema Platt, Financial Secretary pro tem |
| Maureen Doyle, Bursar           |  |

## **GROUPS AND MINISTRIES**

Cooking for CHiPS: Second Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Cook for the homeless and hungry.

The Old First Brooklyn Relief Kitchen: Weekdays with Take-Out food on Wednesday afternoons.

Contact: Steve Lappert (718) 230-0448.

Sunday School Teachers: Joanna Franchini, Matt LeBreux, Pastor Meeter, Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, Rev. Melody Meeter, Virginia Bouillerot, and Jabe Ziino.

Nursery Staff: Renee Espinosa, Sally Ragudo, and Bailey Olander.

CHiPS Board of Directors: Gordon Meyer.

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