



OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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EBULLETIN FOR 3RD PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 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 *Valse op. 34 no. 2*

Frédéric Chopin

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 425:1-3

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
where human feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God:
“Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,”
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

**March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.**

VOTUM AND SALUTATION

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*In unison*)

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen

FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8-21

Lector: Annabelle Chandler

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving.
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
In the time of my trouble I will call upon you.
for you will answer me.
Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.
All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your Name.
Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.
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.

SECOND READING:

Romans 6:1b-11

Lector: Derek Steele

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DUET *“Al tiff’i vi l’ozveich” (Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee)* Lawrence Avery

Josh and Donna Breitzer

GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:24-39

Lector: Derek Steele

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say

to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Weeping of Hagar*

Pastor

ASCRPTION OF GLORY AND SILENCE

HYMN 101:1, 2&4

**Seeking water, seeking shelter,
gasps the thirsty, weary deer;
so my soul in days 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.**

**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 every blessing
you shall know, this faith confessing**

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
Ann Herpel's sister Georgia died peacefully in Ann's presence on June 8.
Other Announcements

TESTIMONY: FROM THE BELHAR CONFSSION ARTICLES 1 & 2

1. We believe

in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

2. We believe

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

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
- that this 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

Kelly Greene

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 Tithe.ly, 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.

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.

HYMN 140

**I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.**

**Happy are they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train.
His truth forever stands secure,
he saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor,
and none shall find God's promise vain.**

**The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind;
he sends the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.**

**I'll praise God while he lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.**

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

Mennet

J. Mattheson

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, or talk at the virtual coffee hour after the service. You can also send your prayer request to our direct email 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 Brooklyn Relief Kitchen at Old First, led by local restaurateur Andy Wandzilak, is cooking free meals on weekdays! Please **donate food** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. We need non-perishable canned goods and pantry items. You can help **deliver food** to three off-site locations. On Wednesday afternoons we are **distributing packaged food** at the front doors on Seventh Ave.

For information on volunteering or donating contact Piper via email: (piper@brooklynreliefkitchen.org)

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 4th 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.

iii. Schedule

This week

Sunday, June 21

Pastor and Children Farewell – 9:30 a.m., online

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

Monday, June 24

Consistory meeting - 7:00 p.m., online

Wednesday, June 27

Old First Take-Out – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Front Door on 7th Avenue.

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

Look Ahead

Sunday, June 28

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online (Pastors last service)

Wednesday, July 1

Old First Take-Out – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Front Door on 7th Avenue.

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

iv. Roster

Staff

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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

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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