



# OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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## EBULLETIN FOR 9TH PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 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      *Andante Cantabile*      W.A. Mozart      **Aleeza Meir**

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

VOTUM AND SALUTATION

HYMN 381      Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising earthbound souls to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit; thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
thee we praise with endless worship, for thy fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
in a fellowship unending, thee we worship and extol.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*In unison*)

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

*Genesis 32: 22-31*

Lector: **Lindsay Gavin**

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17: 1-7, 16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do;  
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

**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 9: 1-5*

Lector: **Lindsay Gavin**

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

*Matthew 14: 13-21*

**Lance Hurst**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Dark Night of Becoming*

**Lance Hurst**

ASCRPTION OF GLORY AND SILENCE

HYMN 364

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes my sorrows, heals my wounds, and drives away my fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace;**

**Jesus my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.**

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  
Virtual Coffee Hour  
Interim Minister  
Brooklyn Relief Kitchen / Cooking for CHiPS  
Other Announcements

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Kelly Greene**

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

*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](https://www.tithe.ly/), which you can find as a smart-phone app or as a link at [OldFirstBrooklyn.org](https://www.olderfirstbrooklyn.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 is 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.

HYMN 424

You that know the Lord is gracious, you for whom a cornerstone  
stands, of God elect and precious, laid that you may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation you a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones by God appointed each to an allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed, shall you not declare his grace?  
You, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace, and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed, and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord.

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 *Allegretto*

F. Couperin

**Aleeza Meir**

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## ii. Announcements

We welcome our guest preacher, Lance Hurst.



Lance Hurst comes from a small town near the Florida-Georgia border with 3 red lights. While he spent his early years eating fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and macaroni & cheese, he was swooped out of the Deep South further south to Tampa, Florida and eventually to Norfolk, Virginia and then to RAF Lakenheath because his stepfather was in the military. After high school, Lance returned to central Florida, attended a conservative, Christian university where he earned both bachelor and master's degrees and became a Pentecostal minister. After coming out as gay, Lance knew that change was necessary and Princeton Theological Seminary seemed to be his salvation. After earning his Master of Divinity, he moved to Brooklyn, New York where he now happily resides with his partner, Lucas, and their cat, Mollie. He currently serves at a Presbyterian church in Manhattan and as the discipleship pastor at a new church plant, Common Ground Church, while pursuing ordination in the United Church of Christ.

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

THE PRAYER TEAM OF OLD FIRST meets at 9pm on Thursdays, to pray for the needs of our congregation, our community, and our world. If you would like to request prayer, for yourself or anything/anyone else, please email [prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org). If you would like to join the prayer team or learn more, please email Jessica Bagnulo, [jsbagnulo@gmail.com](mailto:jsbagnulo@gmail.com).

OLD FIRST IS HOSTING AN ANTI-RACIST READING GROUP! We are reading *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad and discussing ways that we, as individuals and as a community of Jesus, can work to dismantle racism. Our meetings are on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. This Sunday, August 2, we will be discussing "Day 2" (p. 40-45). Please join us even if you don't have the book yet - we will share relevant passages so that everyone is able to participate. Contact Margaret Kearney ([kearney.margaret@gmail.com](mailto:kearney.margaret@gmail.com)) for more information. Link to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81250297078>

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 deliver to CHiPS and Camp Friendship, along with several other local sites.

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

We accept drop-off donations Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the front entrance at 126 7th Ave. under the tent. **Urgently needed items:**

Pantry supplies	Granola bars	Sugar
Canned tuna	Canned/dried Beans	Paper towels
Canned fruit	Dried fruit/nuts	Hand sanitizer
Soups	Pasta	Sanitizing wipes
PB & J	Rice & grains	Dish soap
Crackers	Flour	Bulk items

You can also donate funds to the Old First Brooklyn Relief Kitchen through Tithely by selecting the OF Brooklyn Relief Kitchen option in the dropdown menu.

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 funded through our collection for mission. If you start using Tithely, you can designate gifts by selecting Mission in the dropdown menu, or you can write “Mission” on any donation mailed directly to church.

OUR INTERIM PASTOR WILL BE JOINING US BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020. We will be sharing more details during an upcoming congregational meeting that is in the process of being scheduled.

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, August 2

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

#### Looking ahead

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

Elders, Deacons – 7:00 p.m., online

### iv. Roster

#### Staff

Maureen Doyle, Finance & Operations Director (917) 428-0395  
Aleeza Meir, Music Director (917) 902-0793  
Abraham Barrios, Sexton (718) 638-8300

#### Consistory

##### Elders

Jessica Stockton Bagnulo 2021  
Jeff Cribbs 2021  
Ken Nieuwenhuis 2022  
Wayne Adams 2023  
Jabe Ziino 2023

##### Deacons

Kent Adams 2021  
Margaret Kearney 2022  
Susan Snyder 2022  
Philip Alexander 2023  
Kelly Greene 2023

#### Officers

Jeff Cribbs, Vice President  
Kent Adams, Deacons Chair  
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

Contact: Steve Lappert (718) 230-0448.

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

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

CHiPS Board of Directors: Gordon Meyer.

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