

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Sarasota, Florida**

**The Order of Worship**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 20, 2019**

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor  
Michael Stuart, Director of Music/Organist

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**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Donna Maynard  
Director of Ministries

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE (11 a.m.) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Joel Raney  
Nadine Thomas and Michael Stuart, piano

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Let us kneel in the darkness,  
**People: Until we see God's light emerge.**

Leader: Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,  
**People: As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.**

Leader: Let the Lord speak to us and teach us love,  
**People: Until we open our hearts to be God's home.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you...  
**People: And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **Hymnal 139**  
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 a.m.) LuAnn Shaffer

MISSION MOMENT

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

Leader: Seeking One, you are the beginning and the end of our search.  
Search us, O God, and find within us the secrets we hide.  
Ask us, O God, and receive from within us the pain we bear.  
Keep knocking at the door of our lives until we open our wills to  
your purpose, our lives to your life, and our yearning to your hope.

Leader: When we forget to seek you and discover that we have lost our  
place: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: When we ask once and leave it at that: Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: When we draw back from knocking, lest we disturb you: Lord,  
have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Strengthen our courage; bolster our endurance; spur us onward in  
your way in our world through the power of the Holy Spirit and the  
name of Christ. **Amen.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND SERVICE**

OFFERTORY (8.30 a.m.) *Ora Pro Nobis* (Pray For Us) W. A. Mozart  
Michelle Caulkins, soprano

(11 a.m.) *Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*HYMN** *Take Time to Be Holy* **Hymnal 395**

**GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

*Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?*  
Sermon Series: *Re: God, Got Questions?*

**THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

SPECIAL MUSIC (11 a.m.) *Ora Pro Nobis* (Pray for us) W. A. Mozart  
Michelle Caulkins, soprano

**LORD'S PRAYER LITANY<sup>3</sup>**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
**People: Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in  
humble awe we pray.**

Pastor: Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven  
**People: We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in  
our world even now.**

Pastor: Give us today our daily bread.  
**People: We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough  
warmth, enough healing for all of your children.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**People: We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing  
as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you  
safely through the obstacle course.**

Pastor: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and  
forever.

**People: Giving thanks for presence that defies definition in this life and  
beyond. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **Hymnal 526**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION** *As We Go* **W & S 3183**

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* Martin Shaw  
(You are invited to remain to enjoy the postlude.)

<sup>1</sup>Christine Sine, godspace.wordpress.com

<sup>2</sup>Anita Monro, mad-e-lena.blogspot.com

<sup>3</sup>Katherine Hawker liturgyoutside.net

\*Stand as able.

**Luke 11: 1-10 (CEB)**

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said,  
“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Jesus told them, “When  
you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation.’”

He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that  
friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of  
bread because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set  
before him.’ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don't bother  
me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to  
give you anything.’ I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of  
his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his  
friend's brashness. And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will  
find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives.  
Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.”

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***Mary Grandle Memorial Service***

Friday, January 25 | 3 p.m. | Chapel

**Have you included FIRST CHURCH in your will?**