

**FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

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

CHORAL INTROIT *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Dan Bird

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

HYMN *God Is Here* Hymnal 660<sup>1</sup>

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Susan Quigley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHORAL ANTHEM *O How Amiable* Ralph Vaughn Williams  
Ensemble

*O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My Soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. From Psalms 84 and 90*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35<sup>2</sup>

SPECIAL MUSIC *Give Me Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes  
Catherine Stuart, mezzo-soprano

*Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. You may have all this world; give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares, for of this I am sure, give me Jesus.*

THE MESSAGE *How Do We Forgive?* Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Zion, Haste* Hymnal 573<sup>3</sup>

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the Light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.*

PASSING THE PEACE

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## *In Memoriam*

John Bernard - September 3, 2020

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### **<sup>1</sup>God Is Here**

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may be find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

### **<sup>2</sup>Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)**

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan."

"When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'"

"Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt."

"When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt."

"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

### **<sup>3</sup>O Zion, Haste**

1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2. Behold how many thousands still are lying, bound in the darksome prison-house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life he died for them to win. [Refrain]
3. Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love: tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above. [Refrain]
4. Give of your own to bear the message glorious; give of your wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in pray'r victorious; and all your spending Jesus will repay. [Refrain]