

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS	Praise Band
WELCOME	Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Susan Quigley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 15:1-5; 36-41 ¹
THE MESSAGE	<p style="text-align: center;">Series: <i>Seeking the Truth</i> <i>If the Church Splits, Who Wins?</i></p> Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
PRAISE SONG	
BLESSING	
PASSING THE PEACE	

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Acts 15:1-5

Some people came down from Judea teaching the family of believers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom we've received from Moses, you can't be saved."

Paul and Barnabas took sides against these Judeans and argued strongly against their position.

The church at Antioch appointed Paul, Barnabas, and several others from Antioch to go up to Jerusalem to set this question before the apostles and the elders.

The church sent this delegation on their way. They traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the brothers and sisters. When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity. Some believers from among the Pharisees stood up and claimed, "The Gentiles must be circumcised. They must be required to keep the Law from Moses."

Acts 15:36-41

Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord's word. Let's see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. Paul insisted that they shouldn't take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn't continued with them in their work. Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord's grace. He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Immediate Volunteer Opportunity

Can you help distribute food at the Caritas Food Pantry in downtown Sarasota on a Monday from 10 – 12? The schedule will be made to fit your schedule. You and clients are required to wear masks with the food distributed from a window. Caritas is an outreach ministry of First Church. **Contact member David Quigley for more information (401-965-9141; davidquigley28@gmail.com).**

Sign Up to Volunteer

Where: Emma Booker School Pantry (2350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way)

When: 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1

Time: 3:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Instructions:

1. www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/volunteer
1. Click “Create Your Profile” at the bottom
3. Complete and submit

Follow-up email with instructions will be sent upon submission. For more volunteer opportunities, contact Victoria Hasselbring (vhasselbring@allfaithsfoodbank.org; 941-549-8156).

Music Fine Arts Series - DUO-B Concert

Cellist Philip Borter and Violinist Hirono Borter in an Encore Performance!

Sunday, January 31 - 4 p.m.

ONLY ONLINE (<https://www.firstsrq.com> OR facebook.com/fumcsarasota)

Passionate about performing the small, but growing, body of cello and violin works, they present their fresh interpretation of classical favorites such as Bach’s *Chaconne*, their fiery artistry of Piazzolla’s *Libertango*, and their whimsical performance of Marc O’Conner’s *Limerock* to immediately connect with the audience and receive fervent praise. Enjoy the concert online! Invite others!

**8-Week Online Book Study with
Woody Woodward, Assistant Pastor for Outreach
Adam Hamilton’s *Making Sense of the Bible*
Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning January 25**

Books available at cokesbury.com / amazon.com.
