

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Contemporary Service Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS

Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

SLIDESHOW CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-15¹

THE MESSAGE

Discipleship 101: Our Prayers

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

PRAISE SONG

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

¹Matthew 6:5-15 (CEB)

“When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

“When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don’t lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

“If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don’t forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

What Are You Reading?

Many of you are avid readers. Let us know what your current favorites are, ones you would highly recommend to others. We will publish your recommendation(s) in an upcoming edition of our weekly e-newsletter. Send choice(s) to dmaynard@firstsrq.com.

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB -- All Are Invited!

Monday, September 27 - 10 a.m.

Room 104 and Zoom

The Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See

This historical fiction novel, set over many decades, highlights the lives of haenyeos, women of the South Korea Island of Jeju who support their families by diving for plants and animals. The friendship of divers Mi-ja and Young-sook is pushed to the breaking point by forces outside their control. The novel introduces readers to the fierce female divers and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

Contact Leah Pittard (rockpitt38@gmail.com) for more on the book club and Zoom information.

Family Promise Update

Family Promise is busy helping families in transition. In June they helped 6 families move from unstable housing to their own apartments. Family Promise served over 100 families in the Sarasota/Manatee area this summer.

To donate items (cleaning supplies, groceries, etc.) for Family Promise’s Home for Good program, call Jannette (941-952-1800) to learn all the needs and to arrange a time to deliver your donations.

Dr. Sam Reports on Our Sister Churches in Cuba

I am in regular contact with Pastora Katia from Madama, less so with Pastor Nelson from San Juan Vicente, but occasionally hear from him. Food is scarce in Cuba. COVID cases are high, but the faith of the people in the churches is strong. Their faith and courage inspire me since they live in an atheist country which is hostile to Christianity and other faiths. They constantly pray for us. Please add our sisters and brothers in Cuba to your daily prayers.