

# FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

## Traditional Worship Service

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT Rene Clausen  
*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord. Shout to the Lord Alleluia. Praise Him, Alleluia!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

SLIDESHOW CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS

OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* Hymnal 545<sup>1</sup>

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

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.**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* John Rutter

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:5-15<sup>2</sup>

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Mark Hayes  
Ensemble

THE MESSAGE *Discipleship 101: Our Prayers* Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

HYMN OF RESPONSE *O God, Our Help, in Ages Past* Hymnal 117<sup>3</sup>

## BENEDICTION

### THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

### *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

### PASSING THE PEACE

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#### **<sup>1</sup>THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

#### **<sup>2</sup>Matthew 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.

#### **<sup>3</sup>O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST**

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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