

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Traditional Worship Service SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTROIT

Behold now, praise the Lord. All ye servants of the Lord, praise the Lord!

Everett Titcomb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymnal 158¹

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Divine Redeemer
Daniel Espinal, *tenor*

Charles Gounod

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Job 3:1-12²

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Catherine Stuart, *mezzo-soprano*

Daniel Kahlman

THE MESSAGE

Job's Question: Why Did I Not Die at Birth?

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance

Hymnal 369³

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Gaelic Blessing
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

PASSING THE PEACE

¹*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, Hymnal 158

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

²Job 3:1-12 (CEB)

Afterward, Job spoke up and cursed the day he was born.

Job said:

Perish the day I was born,
the night someone said,
“A boy has been conceived.”

That day—let it be darkness;
may God above ignore it,
and light not shine on it.

May deepest darkness claim it
and a cloud linger over it;
may all that darkens the day terrify it.

May gloom seize that night;
may it not be counted
in the days of a year;
may it not appear in the months.

May that night be childless;
may no happy singing come in it.

May those who curse the day curse it,
those with enough skill
to awaken Leviathan.

May its evening stars stay dark;
may it wait in vain for light;
may it not see dawn's gleam,
because it didn't close
the doors of my mother's womb,
didn't hide trouble from my eyes.

Why didn't I die at birth,
come forth from the womb and die?

Why did knees receive me
and breasts let me nurse?

³*Blessed Assurance*, Hymnal 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you for your donations of diapers and money too. We hope to continue this drive the third Sunday for several months. For additional information about this project and Family Promise, contact Missions Chair Peggy Hite (hitep@indiana.edu).

2022 BRINGS NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

~ **Caritas**, one of FUMC's mission partners, has a Food Pantry at First Baptist on Main St. **We are responsible for volunteers Mondays (10 to noon)**. Contact Coordinator David Quigley (davidquigley28@gmail.com) for duties and openings.

~ **SILL (Sarasota Institute of Lifelong Learning)** uses our sanctuary Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings January – March. **Can you serve Tuesday or Wednesday as a First Church greeter** (and hear the lecture for free)? Contact Sally Altman (sgaltman1@aol.com) or 941-408-5444).

KEEP UP WITH FIRST CHURCH

Want to be in the know? Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/fumcsarasota>), subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, and watch the website and Sunday bulletins for upcoming events.

DR. SAM CONTINUES HIS SERMON SERIES

JOB'S QUESTION: WHY?

- January 23 - Job's Question: Why Do the Innocent Suffer?
- January 30 - Job's Question: Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?
- February 6 - Job's Question: Why Won't God Communicate with Me?
- February 13 - Job's Question: Why Do the Wicked Prosper?
- February 20 - Job's Question: Why Don't My Friends Understand?
- February 27 - Job's Question: God's Response

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Monday, January 17,
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
