

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA
Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Traditional Worship Service
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 3, 2022

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTROIT	<i>God Bless America</i> Catherine Stuart	Irving Berlin ¹
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
OPENING HYMN	<i>God of the Ages</i>	Hymnal 698 ²
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	John Rutter
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>America the Beautiful</i> Michael Stuart	arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We are grateful for your generosity to the ministries of First Church. You may give online at www.firstsrq.com; click GIVE. Thank you for your faithful support. You are making a difference in the lives of those in need.

SCRIPTURE READING		Galatians 6:1-10 (CEB) ³
THE MESSAGE	<i>Freedom Song</i>	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

America the Beautiful

Hymnal 696⁴

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS 2171⁵

PASSING THE PEACE

In Memoriam

*Florence Sackett – May 15, 2022
(notified June 19, 2022)*

¹God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God Bless America, my home, sweet home.

²God of the Ages, Hymnal 698

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

³Galatians 6:1-10 (CEB)

Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are important when they aren't, they're fooling themselves. Each person should test their own work and be happy with doing a good job and not compare themselves with others. Each person will have to carry their own load.

Those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher. Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.

⁴America the Beautiful, Hymnal 696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

⁵*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*, TFWS 2171

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
 3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
 4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
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ENJOY YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

For those who are traveling, we will miss you. If you worship in person wherever you are, maybe bring us a bulletin, even a newsletter. We delight in seeing other churches' styles and activities. Give them to Donna Maynard or leave on one of the entrance tables. Let us know it is from you if you want. We look forward to your safe return to your home church

COUNTDOWN TO SATURDAY, JULY 30, DAY4HOPE

Thank you for your generous financial support! It is not too early to begin praying for this event which will help prepare up to 175 students prepare for their new school year. First Church continues to live out our Mission - Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You can make a Prayer Request on the reverse side of the Attendance Form in the bulletin and on www.firstsrq.com. Select Resources near the top of the website, select Prayer and Visit Requests.

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

A few of the July – August are still on both entrance tables.
