

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Contemporary Service NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 7, 2022

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

MISSION MOMENT SLIDESHOW—DAY4HOPE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SPECIAL MUSIC Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:5-14 (CEB)¹

THE MESSAGE *Teach Us to Pray: Our Father* Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

THE LORD'S PRAYER *CEB translation* (unison)

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. Amen.

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.

PRAISE SONG

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

¹Matthew 6:5-14 (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.”

WELCOME HOME, DR. SAM!

Dr. Sam has returned to us after his July renewal leave of studying, taking classes, and maybe resting also. Today he begins a 6-week Sermon Series **Teach Us to Pray** based on *The Lord's Prayer*.

August 7 - Our Father, Matthew 6:9

August 14 - Whose Will? Matthew 6:10

August 21 - Our Daily Bread, Matthew 6:11

August 28 - Forgive Us ... As We Forgive, Matthew 6:12

September 4 - Do Not Bring Us to the Time of Trial, Matthew 6:13

September 11 - The Father's Kingdom, Power, and Glory, Matthew 6:13b



SUNFLOWERS FOR UKRAINE NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Thank you for supporting our mission efforts to help improve the welfare and conditions of Ukrainians for their safety, housing, and care of refugees along with the evacuation of cities under siege through our mission partner: ukrainianpeace.org. **Andy Roman will deliver fifty sunflowers for donations next Sunday. Take one home or give to a friend.**

Sunflowers are a national symbol of pride for Ukraine. They contribute valuable resources of oil, seeds, pest prevention, and natural cleansing of the soil. The heliotropic flowers track the sun's motion across the sky from east to west. The yellow of the sunflower is represented in the flag against the blue skies of Ukraine. Join us in helping the people of Ukraine. Thank you!

ANGEL'S ATTIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

1255 Seeds Ave. (off 12th St.)

Open M, W, F ~ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This nonprofit thrift store, longtime partner of Caritas, has clothing, household items, and more. **For more information on volunteering, contact Dottie Weil (941-735-8855).** Thank you for helping our community!