

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

Traditional Worship Service
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 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. Praise the Lord! Everett Titcomb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

Hymnal 100¹

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen.

John Rutter

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King
Michael Stuart, *piano*

arr. Larry Shackley

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-10, Luke 22:41-42, Romans 12:1-2²

THE MESSAGE

Teach Us to Pray: Whose Will?

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

RESPONSE: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 (**The Message** (paraphrase))) Unison

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*TFWS 2171⁴

PASSING THE PEACE

In Memoriam*Charlotte Jordan – July 7, 2022***¹God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us**, Hymnal 100

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.
3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.
4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Saviour he!
5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

²Matthew 6:9-10 (CEB)

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.

Luke 22:41-42 (CEB)

He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed. He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done."

Romans 12:1-2 (CEB)

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

³Jesus Calls Us, Hymnal 398

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

4Make 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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Andy Roman, member and volunteer to Ukraine, has delivered sunflowers to us. For a donation, take one (or more) home or to a friend. Join us in this creative way to help the people of Ukraine. Thank you! You can also enjoy a chat with Andy about his family connection to Ukraine and his experiences there.

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In this revised edition, explore Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism to compare each to Christianity. Minister and best-selling author Adam Hamilton urges us to build bridges to grow in faith, seek peace, and love our neighbors. Contact Luis Montes (lmontes@altez.com) for details and a study book if you would like one. All are welcome for study and fellowship.

DR. SAM'S SERMON SERIES TEACH US TO PRAY

This series, based on *The Lord's Prayer*, continues through September 11. You will be blessed whether worshipping in person or online.

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

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