

# FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

## Contemporary Service SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor  
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| PRAISE SONGS  | Praise Band                                       |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS   | Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries             |
| CHILDREN'S MOMENT   | Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries |
| PASTORAL PRAYER   | Rev. Dr. Sam Wright                               |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER Unison<br><b>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.</b> |   |
| OFFERING OUR GIFTS<br>We are grateful for your generosity to the ministries of First Church. You may give online at <a href="http://www.firstsrq.com">www.firstsrq.com</a> ; click GIVE. Thank you for your faithful support. You are making a difference in the lives of those in need.  |   |
| SPECIAL MUSIC   | Praise Band                                       |
| SCRIPTURE READING   | Isaiah 65:17-25 <sup>1</sup>                      |
| THE MESSAGE<br><b><i>Hope for the Future</i></b>  | Rev. Dr. Sam Wright                               |
| PRAISE SONG   |   |
| BLESSING  |   |
| PASSING THE PEACE   |   |

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<sup>1</sup>Isaiah 65:17-25 (CEB)

Look! I'm creating

a new heaven and a new earth:

past events won't be remembered;  
they won't come to mind.

Be glad and rejoice forever

in what I'm creating,  
because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy  
and her people as a source of gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad about my people.

No one will ever hear the sound  
of weeping or crying in it again.

No more will babies live only a few days,  
or the old fail to live out their days.

The one who dies at a hundred

will be like a young person,

and the one falling short of a hundred  
will seem cursed.

They will build houses and live in them;

they will plant vineyards  
and eat their fruit.

They won't build for others to live in,

nor plant for others to eat.

Like the days of a tree

will be the days of my people;

my chosen will make full use  
of their handiwork.

They won't labor in vain,

nor bear children to a world of horrors,  
because they will be people  
blessed by the LORD,  
they along with their descendants.

Before they call, I will answer;

while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Wolf and lamb will graze together,

and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
but the snake—its food will be dust.

They won't hurt or destroy

at any place on my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

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## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

The sacrament of Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. October 2 is World Communion Sunday as Methodists and worldwide denominations and believers participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. We invite you to have your elements of bread or cracker and juice or water in preparation for this special Sunday as we share communion with our brothers and sisters around the world.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Join Bishop Carter, Clergy, and Laity in the South West District  
Sunday, October 30 - District Superintendent Installation Service  
Rev. Deborah L. Allen.

4 p.m. ~ Grace UMC, 400 E Field Ave, Venice, FL 342385  
Contact Sandy Voigt at the District Office with any questions  
(flumc-sw@flumc.org; 941-371-6511).

## **THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE GIVES TO AID THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE FIONA IN PUERTO RICO**

On Monday, September 19, Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico. With up to 30 inches of rainfall in some areas, the storm caused severe flooding leaving at least four dead and the entire island without power. Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island, and many residents are still recovering from that disaster. To donate, put "FIONA" on your check or when you give online.

## **UPDATE ON CHAPEL AIR CONDITIONING**

This is a complete rebuild of a 40-year-old blower. We have a new shaft and bearings. We are waiting on the new (or repurposed) "squirrel cages" that create the air movement. This is the alternative to replacing the 40-year-old 20-ton unit. We thank Trustee Dr. Mike Day (mdaymd@verizon.net) for his diligence and dedication to this project. Thanks also to our 8:30 a.m. service worshipers for their patience as evidenced by Valorie Pruitt, "... the sanctuary is so beautiful that we enjoy being in it as the most important things are in both – worship and friends."

## **DR. SAM'S FALL BIBLE STUDY LET MY PEOPLE GO - THE BOOK OF EXODUS WEDNESDAYS – 12:30 AND 7 P.M. IN PERSON (ROOM 104) AND ZOOM**

Join any Wednesdays your schedule allows. The weekly reading and Zoom information are sent the Tuesday before each class. Call the office (941-955-0935) if you need additional information or are not on the church email list.

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (PREVIOUSLY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 ~10 – 11:30 A.M.  
ROOM 104 AND ZOOM**

Program – *The New Name, The "New" Membership, The New Logo*  
Contact Leah Pittard (rockpitt38@gmail.com; 941-586-0185).



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