

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

Traditional Worship Service
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTROIT		Rene Clausen
	<i>All that hath life and breath Praise ye the Lord. Shout to the Lord Alleluia. Praise Him! Alleluia!</i>	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
OPENING HYMN	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Hymnal 139 ¹
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	<i>Amen.</i>	John Rutter
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	Mark Hayes ²
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		Isaiah 65:17-25 ³
THE MESSAGE	<i>Hope for the Future</i>	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	Hymnal 398 ⁴
BENEDICTION		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	TFWS 2171 ⁵
PASSING THE PEACE		

¹*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, Hymnal 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

²*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last. O, receive my soul. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee; Leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee. Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Jesus lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, O Lord.

³Isaiah 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.

⁴*Jesus 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.

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.

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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