

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Contemporary Service

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS

Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We are grateful for your generosity to the ministries of First Church. Please place your offering in one of the baskets as you exit the service, mail a check to the church, or you may give online at www.firstsrq.com; click GIVE. Thank you for your faithful support.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:1-10 (CEB)

Now a man from Levi's household married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby's older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

THE MESSAGE

Motherhood in the Bible: A Mother's Love
Rev. Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

PRAISE SONG

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

8TH ANNUAL DAY4HOPE ~ SATURDAY, JULY 29

It's that time of year again! First Church will provide backpacks, gift cards, and back-to-school items for students of Emma E. Booker Elementary School. Donations should indicate "Day4Hope" on checks or when giving online. **Contact Jane Barnett (ajaneb11071941@gmail.com) for more information.**

LET'S WEAR RED ON PENTECOST - SUNDAY, MAY 28

First Church's longstanding tradition is to wear RED (or touch of RED) to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church. For those worshipping online, send a photo of you in red to dmaynard@firstsrq.com. We will take some photos of in-person worshipers. You will enjoy photos in the Tuesday, May 30, e-newsletter and on Facebook. First Church loves to celebrate!

FIRST CHURCH HONORS GRADUATES

We want to celebrate your family's graduates in the June 6 e-newsletter. Submit: photograph, school or college, and plans to dmaynard@firstsrq.com by Wednesday, May 31. Congratulations!

FAITH CAFÉ SUNDAY STUDY GROUP

9:40 A.M. - IN ROOM 104/ZOOM

New Study Delayed Until June 11

Help Is Here by Max Lucado

This study reminds us that God keeps us on track and that we find strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy learning while you fellowship and make new church friends. Contact Leader Luis Montes (lmontes@altez.com; 323-640-6769) for more information.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Let family and friends know that both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. traditional services are live streamed on Facebook and www.firstsrq.com. For those who cannot worship on Sunday morning, let them know that the services are available on www.firstsrq.com an hour after live streaming. (The 9:45 a.m. contemporary online service is the previous week's service.) How blessed we are to be able to share worship with those who cannot attend in person!