

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Contemporary Service

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(from previous week)

September 17, 2023

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Jennifer Boris

PRAISE SONGS

Celebration Praise Band

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:7-15 (CEB)

“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 do not bring us to the time of trial,
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.

THE MESSAGE Jesus 101: The Sermon on the Mount: *Forgive as You Have Been Forgiven*
Rev. Dr. Sam Wright

PRAISE SONG

Celebration Praise Band

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BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

In Memoriam

Estelle Hayes ~ September 10, 2023

Memorial Service 11 a.m. - Saturday, October 7

First United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events and Announcements

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – CHANGE OF PLANS!

The Cuban pastor could not get permission to travel, therefore, we will have our REGULAR 8:30 and 11 a.m. SERVICES and NO PANCAKE BREAKFAST. We look forward to rescheduling this special Sunday!

DR. SAM'S FALL BIBLE STUDY ON AMOS ~ THE LION ROARS

In Person and on Zoom – Wednesdays – Noon and 7 p.m. ~ Begins September 20

HELP US FIND A NURSERY CAREGIVER ~ Sundays 10:30 – 12:30

In order for young parents to worship, we need to provide care for children 6 weeks to 3 years. Pay \$25/hour. Do you know someone? Someone who might know someone? Contact Alyssa Machado (954-376-9186; amachado@firstsrq.com).

DR. SAM'S SERMON SERIES

JESUS 101: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

September 24 - *Don't Worry; Seek the Lord*, Matthew 6:25-34

October 1 - *Do Not Judge Others*, Matthew 7:1-5

October 8 - *Ask, Search, Knock*, Matthew 7:7-11

October 15 - *The Golden Rule*, Matthew 7:12-20

October 22- Rev. Woody Woodward preaching

October 29 - *Hearing and Doing*, Matthew 7:21-29