

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA
Traditional Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Order of Service

PRELUDE (11 a.m.) arr. Albert Travis
More Love to Thee, O Christ
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Donna Maynard
Director of Ministries

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**People: We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Leader: Lay down all that is a burden to you!

**People: We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**

Leader: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**People: We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

*OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns Screens/Hymnal 327

PASTORAL PRAYER Tony Kenworthy, Lay Leader (8:30 a.m.)
Rev. Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor (11 a.m.)

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE (11 a.m.) *Amen* Peter Lutkin

CHORAL ANTHEM (11 a.m.)

Softly and Tenderly Raymond Haan
Chancel Choir

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; See, on the
portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come
home, come home, Ye who are weary come home; Earnestly, tenderly,*

*Jesus is calling; calling, O sinner, come home. Why should we tarry when
Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and
heed not his mercies, Mercies for you and for me. Time is now fleeting,
the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; Shadows are
gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. Oh; for the
wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me; Though we
have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come
home, ye who are weary come home; Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:19-24 (CEB)

“Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and
rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect
treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and
where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.”

“The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your
whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body
will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible
that darkness will be!”

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the
other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You
cannot serve God and wealth."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN (8:30 a.m.)

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God Screens/Hymnal 405

SPECIAL MUSIC (11 a.m.)

The 23rd Psalm Albert Malotte
Melinda Balla, *soprano*

THE MESSAGE

Jesus 101: The Sermon on the Mount: *Serve God, Not Money*
Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Things Bright and Beautiful Screens/Hymnal 147

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Les and Deborah Finley, Gregory and Bobbie Hover (8:30 a.m.)
Pete and Shirley Adams, Janice Houchins, Jim Repp (11 a.m.)

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and put your whole trust
in his grace?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to serve Jesus Christ as your Lord, in union with
the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and
races?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: As members of First Church, will you faithfully participate in its
ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your
witness?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to
your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm
their hope, and perfect them in love.

**Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you
in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist
Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the
ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our
service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We are grateful to you for your support of the ministries of First United
Methodist Church. You may contribute remotely by mailing a check to
the church or giving through the church's website www.firstsrq.com, click
GIVE. Or you may place your offering in one of the baskets/boxes as you
exit the service. Thank you for your generosity.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Screens/TFWS, 2171

POSTLUDE (11 a.m.)

Festival March from *Rinaldo* George Friderich Handel

In Memoriam

Estelle Hayes ~ September 10, 2023

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

First United Methodist Church

*Please stand as you are able.

¹Thom M. Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com, adapted

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@first-srq.com).

ARE YOU MISSING A CHURCH FRIEND?

All of us like to know we are missed. You may have already checked on your pewmates. Thank you. Maybe you are not sure of the person's name and would like an email or phone number, even an address for a note. Contact Donna Maynard (941-539-8560).

NEED A NAME TAG?

Complete a form at one of the entrance tables and place in the basket. Your name tag will be ready for you next Sunday.

COME EARLY! STAY AFTER!

Enjoy fellowship and coffee, juice in the Narthex each Sunday. Chat with ones you know and meet others to make new friends.

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 17

Online Worship Services: 8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.
8:30 a.m. - Worship - Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Christian Fellowship
Rm 105/Zoom
9:40 a.m. - Faith Cafe, Rm 104 / Zoom
11 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary
11 a.m. - Children's Sunday School, Y.H.
12 p.m. - Team Treble, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 18

10 a.m. - GriefShare, Room 105
5:30 p.m. - ECC Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. - ECC Song Squad,
Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artisans' World
Marketplace (Tues-Fri)
2:30 p.m. - Women's Spiritual Growth Group,
Rm 104/Zoom
5 p.m. - Finance Meeting, Rm 104/Zoom

Wednesday, September 20

12 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study, Rm 104/Zoom
3 p.m. - Nominations Committee Meeting,
Rm 104/Zoom

6 p.m. - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Recording
7 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study, Rm 104/Zoom

Thursday, September 21

1 p.m. - Marketing Committee Meeting,
Room 105
2 p.m. - Trustees Meeting, Rm 104/Zoom
5 p.m. - SongSquad, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Artisans' World Marketplace
2:30 p.m. - Ukrainian Tutoring, F.H.

Sunday, September 24

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Rm 105/Zoom
9:40 a.m. - Faith Cafe, Rm 104 / Zoom
11 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary
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12 p.m. - Team Treble, Fellowship Hall

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

Christian Fellowship (9:30 a.m.- Room 105/Zoom)

Faith Cafe (9:40 a.m. - Room 104/Zoom)

FIRST CHURCH KIDS (Youth Hall)

(Use elevator or stairs in office area.)

Pre-K - 5th Grade - 11 a.m.

Church Staff

Candy Bell, Early Care Center Director
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music
Sally Hires, Administrative Assistant
Joyce Johnson, Pastoral Care Assistant/Faith Community Nurse
Alyssa Machado, Director of Children and Youth
Jesse Masters, Custodian
Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
Julie Miller, Director of Finance/Administration
Maria Mossbarger, Early Care Center Office Manager
Marc Nordstrom, Technology Coordinator
Ben O'Brien, Custodian
Mike Pepe, Tech Assistant/Sound Engineer
Michael Stuart, Director of Music/Organist
Rev. Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor



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

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