

# Upcoming Events and Announcements

April 21, 2024

## TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Originally from West Virginia, Rev. Carr was called to missions on a mission trip to Mexico. He then majored in Spanish to serve as a United Methodist Volunteer in Missions for three years in the Mexico City area where he met and married Lorena Rodriguez. They have three daughters. While serving as youth director at St. Luke's UMC in Windemere, he was called to ordained ministry.

He recently retired after 24 years of serving churches in Maitland, Coconut Grove, Perrine, Deland, and Port St. Lucie. Rev. Carr became the Director of Church Relations for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in July 2022. Welcome, Rev. Carr!

## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- May 12** – Mother's Day – Celebrate in the Narthex with Refreshments by Joy. Children's Moment, Baptism  
**May 19** – Pentecost Sunday – Wear RED as we celebrate the birthday of the church. (Acts 2); Baptism  
**June 2** - ONE SERVICE (10 a.m.) followed by FAREWELL to DR. SAM in Fellowship Hall  
**June 16** – ONE SERVICE (10 a.m.) Father's Day and PASTOR WOODY'S Farewell in Fellowship Hall  
**June 30** – ONE SERVICE (11 a.m.) Celebration of Freedom followed by Patriotic Picnic in Fellowship Hall  
**July 7**- FUMC's new minister's (Rev. Brett DeHart) First Sunday

## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- May 19 – Surprise Birthday Party (10:45 – 12 in Youth Hall)– Whose? Wear RED or Orange. Invite friends!  
June 17 -21 – Vacation Bible School – SCUBA – Diving into Friendship with God. Invite friends for this UNDERSEA ADVENTURE!

## MUSIC FINE ARTS – SCHEDULE CHANGE

The April 26 and 27 Piano Dedication Concert is postponed to summer (date to be announced).

## IMMEDIATE NEED – FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**MONDAY MORNING – ONCE A MONTH**

Contact FUMC Caritas Pantry Coordinator Chris King (850-556-3290; chriskingod@gmail.com).

## TO HONOR MOTHERS

We would like to feature you and your mother in a slideshow with beautiful music during our worship services on Mother's Day, May 12. Send your photo by Tuesday, May 7, to techcoord@firstsrq.com. We will do the same for June 16 Father's Day if you would like to send a photo of you and your father at the same time.

# Church Calendar

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- Online Worship Services: 8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. Worship, Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Christian Fellowship Room 105/Zoom  
9:40 a.m. Faith Cafe Room 104/Zoom  
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
10:45 a.m. Children's Nursery/Sunday School Earth Day Celebration, Youth Hall  
12 p.m. Team Treble, Choir Room

## MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 10 a.m. First's Book Club, Room 105/Zoom

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:30 a.m. ECC Song Squad—Gators/Bunnies Fellowship Hall  
2:30 p.m. Women's Spiritual Growth Group Room 104/Zoom  
6 p.m. Church Council, Room 104/Zoom

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:30 a.m. ECC Gymnastics, Room 105  
12 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study, Rm 104/Zoom  
6 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study, Rm 104/Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 10 a.m. ECC Chapel, Sanctuary  
5 p.m. Song Squad, Fellowship Hall

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 2:30 p.m. Ukraine Discussion Group Room 104/Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 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, Room 104/Zoom  
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
10:45 a.m. Children's Nursery/Sunday School  
12 p.m. Team Treble, Choir Room

In 11 a.m. worship April 28 as part of their hometown tour!



## The General Conference of the United Methodist Church—Finally!

Because of the pandemic, the last General Conference was eight years ago! Much has happened since then, including the disaffiliation of almost a quarter of UM churches due to concerns over what might be decided at this conference. The General Conference will meet beginning this week on Tuesday (April 23) and conclude on a week from Friday (May 3) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The GC brings together lay and clergy delegates from four continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come. To learn more about GC and why it is important for First UMC, Sarasota, and all the UM congregations, go to umnews.org or umc.org. Please pray for the people who will be participating in this conference to be guided by God's Spirit and to have the endurance it takes to get through meetings morning, afternoon, and night.

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WELCOME  
to WORSHIP

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

**MICHAEL STUART**

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**REV. WOODY WOODWARD**

Associate Pastor

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*This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.*

# First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

## Traditional Worship Service Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

### Order of Service

#### PRELUDE (11 a.m.)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Larry Shackley

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

#### HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Lord, you invite us to come to you.

**People: “Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”**

Leader: Lord, we humble ourselves before you.

**People: “Whoever becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”**

Leader: Lord, we bow before you in this time of worship.

**People: “Let the little children come to me because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who become like children.”**

**All: Lord, we come to you.**

#### PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Screens/Hymnal 327

#### OPENING PRAYER

Tony Kenworthy, Lay Leader (8:30 a.m.)

Rev. Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor (11 a.m.)

#### CHORAL RESPONSE (11 a.m.)

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.*

Chancel Choir

#### CHORAL ANTHEM (11 a.m.)

*Sing Praise to the Lord*

Robert Hobby

Chancel Choir

*Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height; Rejoice in God’s word, you angels of light; O heavens, adore Him by whom you were made, and worship before Him, in brightness arrayed. Sing praise to the Lord! Sing*

*praise upon earth, In tuneful accord, all you of new birth; O praise Him who brought you His grace, O praise Him who taught you to sing of His love. Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound; Each jubilant chord, re-echo around; Loud organs, His glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done. Sing praise, thanksgiving song to God all ages along: For love, for heaven restored, for grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!*

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

##### *The Apostle’s Creed<sup>2</sup> (Unison)*

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*You Raise Me Up*

Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

David Gaztambide, baritone

*When I am down and oh, my soul’s so weary. When troubles come and my heart burdened be. Then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit a while with me. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.*

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-37 (NIV)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE MESSAGE

*Ripples of Generosity, Waves of Grace*

Rev. Brian Carr,

Director of Church Relations

Florida United Methodist Children’s Home

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Screens/Hymnal 715

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

You are making a difference through the work of The Florida United Methodist Children’s Home (Residing. Hope). It was established in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. Since that time, it has grown into a holistic organization serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children from across the state of Florida. If you’d like to help support their work on behalf of these children, use the envelope in your bulletin or indicate “Children’s Home” on your check or when you give online. You may place your offering in one of the baskets/boxes as you exit the service. You may also mail a check to the church or give through the church’s website, www.firstsrq.com, by clicking GIVE. You may also give a legacy gift through your will. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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.***

#### BENEDICTION

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Screens/TFWS 2171*

#### POSTLUDE (11 a.m.)

*Rondeau*

Joseph Mouret

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

<sup>1</sup>Based on Matthew 18:2-5, 19:14.

<sup>2</sup>Ecumenical Version, United Methodist Hymnal, 882.

*Memorial Service*

**KEN VALLRUGO**

*Friday, May 17, 2024 ~ 10 a.m. ~ Sanctuary*

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Olivia Redford by Len Redford.*