

First United Methodist Church Sarasota

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

Contemporary Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

(This service was recorded from the previous week.)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 16:1-12 (NRSV)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the LORD has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

Hot Mama in the House: Sarah & Hagar

Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D

PRAISE SONG

Celebration Praise Band

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We are grateful for you, for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. To give your gifts, you may mail a check to the church or give through the church's website www.firstsrq.com, click GIVE. Thank you for your generosity.

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

Upcoming Events and Announcements



UPCOMING SUNDAYS

May 12 – Mother's Day – Celebrate in the Narthex with Refreshments by Joy. Children's Moment, Baptism (*See photograph request below.*)

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 a RETIREMENT CELEBRATION and FAREWELL to DR. SAM in Fellowship Hall

June 16 – ONE SERVICE (10 a.m.) Father's Day and PASTOR WOODY'S Farewell

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

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.

FUMC'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SCUBA – Diving into
Friendship with God**

June 17-21 9-11:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS

INVITED/NEEDED

YOU will get hugs, see smiles, hear giggles! Yes, there is an area for your VOLUNTEER talents and energy level. Your heart will sing with joy all summer long.

Contact Donna Maynard to see how you can be a summer friend to kids (941-539-8560; dmaynard@firstsrq.com).

NEW 6-WEEK STUDY BEGINS MAY 19

FAITH CAFÉ - SUNDAY SMALL GROUP

9:40 a.m. in Room 104 - Study and Fellowship

The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton

The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

Contact Ann Day (941-704-8424; annietd@hotmail.com).

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB EVERYONE INVITED!

Monday, May 20 – 10 a.m.

Room 105 and Zoom

Enjoy discussing ***The Heaven and Earth Book Store***

by James McBride

Leader Leah Pittard (941-586-0185; rockpitt38@gmail.com)