



# First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)  
*Liturgical Improvisation No. 3* George Oldroyd

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Laura Ross, *Kids and Youth Director*

HYMN SING/PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

\*HYMN  
*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* Hymnal 153

\*APOSTLES’ CREED  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 70

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00am)  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Chris Tomlin  
Paul Goedecke, *baritone*

PRAYER Joyce Johnson, *Pastoral Care/Faith Community Nurse*

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00am)  
*For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.* Diane Bish  
Chancel Choir

\*PASSING THE PEACE / KIDS LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL (11:00am)

\*DOXOLOGY (11:00am)  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 94

OFFERING AND PRAYER  
Tithes and offerings can be placed in one of the baskets/boxes located at the back of the room, or give online at SRQgives.com. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY (8:30am)  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Chris Tomlin  
Paul Goedecke, *baritone*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)  
*How Firm A Foundation* Paul Koch  
Chancel Choir  
*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His saints of the Lord, excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. “When through the deep waters, I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no never, no never forsake.*

SERMON  
*“Twister: It’s Only a Game...Or Is It?”* Rev. Ed New  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; *President and CEO,*  
Isaiah 43:19 *Florida United Methodist Foundation*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE  
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Hymnal 559

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* TFWS 2171

POSTLUDE (11:00am)  
*Amazing Grace* J. Christopher Pardini  
Michael Stuart

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

  
**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Elle and Brycelyn Stubbs by Mimi and Poppi.*



We are glad that you are here and hope that you’re blessed by the experience. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here at First United Methodist.

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**AN INVITATION TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS**  
Jesus loves you. Jesus offers you new and abundant life. Jesus desires to be in relationship with you.

**AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS**  
A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is...  
Inwardly Becoming More Like Jesus by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) and Outwardly Living More Like Jesus by practicing holy love.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at [brett@firstSRQ.com](mailto:brett@firstSRQ.com) or 941-955-0935.