

Need to Know



MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATIONS

You are invited to a meaningful three-part *Come to the Table* experience on April 2. The story begins at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall with *Dinner Party*, featuring Italian pasta bake and spring green salad. Please RSVP for the meal by signing up in the Narthex or emailing reception@firstSRQ.com.

At 7:00pm, the journey continues in the Sanctuary with worship and Holy Communion, and we conclude with a brief time in the courtyard.

We would like to provide rides to the Maundy Thursday service for church members that don't drive at night. If you would be willing to pick someone up or need a ride, please contact Heidi at reception@firstSRQ.com or 941-955-0935.

MEN'S DINNER

Friday, April 10
5:30pm

Der Dutchman, 3713 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL 34232.

The men of the church and friends will gather for a time of good food and fellowship. Please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or emailing reception@firstSRQ.com. There is no charge for the meal although donations will be accepted. During the meal, we'll take a few minutes to hear your ideas about the kinds of activities you'd enjoy the church organizing for men.



Celebrations



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 3
7:20am

First UMC has the honor of being one of the sponsors for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Main Street Pilgrimage. We'll join 1,000 people marching for Jesus down the center of Main Street. Pilgrims will gather in front of Regal Hollywood (near Main and 301) and process through 14 stations. The walk will conclude with a morning prayer at Church of the Redeemer. If you would like to walk together as a group, email Pastor Brett; brett@firstSRQ.com.



...or scan this QR code with your smartphone. Thank you for your generosity.



Church Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 23

5:00pm ECC Board Meeting - Room 104/Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

2:30pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom
5:00pm Church Council - Room 104/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom
10:45am Palm Sunday Worship music begins - Sanctuary
11:00am Palm Sunday One Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
12:00pm Palm Sunday Luncheon

First United Methodist SARASOTA

March 22, 2026



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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

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Be Thou my Vision; Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy arr. Albert Travis

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
Lift High the Cross Hymnal 159

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION Hymnal 885

*LENTEN GLORIA Hymnal 292, v3

CHORAL ANTHEM
The Lord Is My Shepherd Thomas Matthews
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (11:00am) Hymnal 296, v5

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) Richard T. Gore
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our crying come unto Thee. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Amen.

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)
Meditation on CRUCIFER arr. Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
Thy Perfect Love Ensemble
Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things the best, and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee. Therefore, be a reflection of God, as dearly loved children; and lead a life of love, just as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us. Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things the best, and would my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

SERMON
"A Heart of Peace" 1 Samuel 24

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Lord of the Dance Hymnal 261, v1, 3-5

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION
Make Me A Servant TFWS 2176

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Trumpet Tune in F Major Phil Lehenbauer

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our service men and women and their families by Heidi McIlwain.



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.

Please fill out the enclosed **Guest Connection Card** or text the word **WELCOME to 941-352-1050** to connect with us further. Pastor Brett would love to meet you following the service.

CONTACT US

Phone 941-955-0935

"IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

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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 or 941-955-0935.