

Need to Know

Celebrations

First United Methodist SARASOTA

April 12, 2026

MUSIC FINE ARTS CONCERT TODAY - 4:00pm

**MUSICIAN
STUDIO
PERFORMANCE**

Bring a friend!
Complimentary Valet

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Our first Easter Sunrise Service at Bayfront Park was a huge success with 125 in attendance.

HOLY SMOKES! TUESDAY NIGHT

Our next Fresh Expression meets downtown this Tuesday, April 14 at 5:30pm at Brick's at 1528 State Street. Park near church at the Mark garage for free and walk or next door to the restaurant at State Street Garage (1538 State Street, levels 2 through 6, first hour free after registering license plate on App or at Meter, \$2 beyond that).

SUPPORT CUBAN CHRISTIANS

Please join us in prayer for the people of Cuba as they face a deepening humanitarian crisis. Cubans are struggling to access clean water, food, medication, and essential health care services, all while continuing to recover from a hurricane in October. Between April 12-26, we are collecting NEW, UNOPENED over-the-counter medicine to deliver to our partner Cuban churches- Children and Adults Vitamins (Not Gummies), Pedialyte Electrolyte Power, Culturelle Kids Chewable Multivitamins, Multivitamins Adult, Vitamins A-B-C-D, Children's Tylenol Cold and Flu, Vicks DayQuil / NyQuil Cold and Flu, Folic Acid, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Aspirin, Vicks, BenGay, Acetaminophen Children, Acetaminophen Adults, Imodium, Diaper Rash Cream, Neosporin. Please make sure the expiration date is one year out.

GIVING CHALLENGE WEDNESDAY

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County will hold its popular online 24-Hour Giving Challenge from noon on Wednesday, April 15 to noon on Thursday, April 16. Please plan to make a donation to FUMC between \$25 and \$100 as The Patterson Foundation will match your donation dollar-for-dollar. On Wednesday, we will email and text the online link where you can make your donation.

Please consider also giving to our missions partners (www.givingchallenge.org and type the organization in the 'search' at the top of the page, each gift between \$25 and \$100 will be matched):

- Agape Flights
- All Faiths Food Bank
- Child Protection Center
- Mayors Feed the Hungry Program
- Meals on Wheels of Sarasota
- Resurrection House
- Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center



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



Church Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

5:30pm Holy Smokes! Dinner - Brick's - 1528 State Street

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

12:00pm Safer Sanctuaries Training - Fellowship Hall
2:00pm First's Book Club - Room 104/Zoom
6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
11:30am Rebekah Circle - First Watch, Main St.
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:30am Worship - Chapel
9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom
11:00am Worship - Sanctuary
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
5:00pm Youth Group - Youth Hall



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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

Communion Sunday

April 12, 2026

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Easter Celebration

Phil Lehenbauer
Michael Stuart, *organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00am)
The Lord Is My Light

Francis Allisten
Laura McKenna, *soprano*

The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then, shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hymnal 312

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

*DOXOLOGY (11:00am)
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Hymnal 94

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)
All Glory to the Father Be

Charles Stanford

OFFERING AND PRAYER

On Communion Sundays, we receive a special offering for the Caritas ministry, which helps the less fortunate in our community with utilities, work boots, bus passes, and groceries. Please place your offering in one of the baskets/boxes as you exit the service, mail a check to the church, or you may give online at SRQgives.com.

OFFERTORY (8:30am)
Meditation on **Because He Lives**

arr. Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip Stopford
Ensemble

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away; let us sing by night and day Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON
"Resurrection Living"

2 Corinthians 5:14-20, Philippians 3:10

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC (11:00am)
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Robert Kreutz
Sean Barnette, *soloist*

You satisfy the hungry heart, With gift of finest wheat come give to us, O Saving Lord, The Bread of Life to eat. As when the shepherd calls his sheep. They know and heed his voice, So when you call your family Lord, they follow and rejoice. With joyful lips, we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy Lord to share this Heavenly food. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Does not one cup, one loaf declare our Oneness in the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
He Lives

Hymnal 310

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!*

Hymnal 302

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Fanfare

William Matthias

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Drs. Allen and Mary Jelks by Chris and Helen King.*



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.

Guest, please scan the **QR code** below or fill out the **Connection Card** in the pew. Pastor Brett would love to meet you following the service.



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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.