



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 26, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

"In Memoriam"

Jeanne Joulain
(1920–2010)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"We Walk in Love"

Deanna Witkowski

Chancel Choir

(b. 1951)

We walk in love united in purpose. We join our hands and lift up one voice. We speak the truth with strength and compassion resounding with hope, with courage and joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us. Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

We have come to hear the Word of God. We have brought with us all that weighs us down.

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us. Be glad together and sing for joy.

Our hearts respond with hope for a new day. Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.

God reigns among us and fills the world with light. We are invited to make our home with the living God.

May God's ways be known within and among us. May God guide all nations in ways of peace.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 727**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world.

Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet.

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus invites us to stand, to feel our own strength, to understand our own power, to sense the changes that love is accomplishing within us and among us. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that we need in order to be faithful. We are loving servants of God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace. Praise God, who has blessed and forgiven us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE—HYMN 441, v.1

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

NETTLETON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with those sitting around you.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children’s Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

* **HYMN** (*see insert*) “Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”

HAYN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 67

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 650)

Second Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 165)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“God’s Welcome Mat”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY/OFFERING AND PRAYER

Robin Lyle

OFFERTORY

"Hosanna"
Chancel Choir

Christian Gregor
(1723-1801)

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Praise ye the Lord on high! All ye nations sing praise to his name. -- Traditional Moravian Anthem

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune on *Lasst uns erfreuen*"
(hymn 327)

Rebecca Groom Te Velde
(b. 1956)

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FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A digital copy of each Sunday's **11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements** can be found on our website: www.fpcstpete.com. On the home page, click on "Sundays" then scroll down to "Sunday's Bulletin." Also online: our **Calendar of Events** is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed from our website's "Events" tab at the top of the page.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church

pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in prayer: Ruth Bafaro, Millie Bradley, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Mark Estes, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Claire Hoel, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Sam Kent, Richard Kirsch, Michael Liguori, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore,

Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Reed, Lil Reid, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Jill Whelpley and Rev. Alice Winters.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2nd LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.* If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

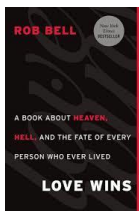
Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then why not invite them to worship? FPC business cards are available at the Welcome Desk with the Sunday worship times printed on the back. Feel free to take one and invite

someone you know to worship next Sunday!

Wear a nametag—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Hearing assists are available for use during worship in the sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please contact an usher, who will help you.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ROB BELL'S *LOVE WINS*

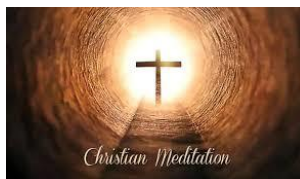


Rob Bell boldly wrestles with questions that Christians have asked—and feared—throughout the ages. *Love Wins* is a book about Heaven, Hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived. Come and consider questions about the Good News, the really, really Good News of the salvation that Christ offers. Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in room N123 from June 12–July 31. Contact Rev. **Ruth Elswood** for more details. Please bring a copy of the book with you (Amazon has the paperback for around \$12).

MENS SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

The Friday morning men's Bible study is on hiatus for the summer. The Bible study will resume Friday, September 6. Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group.

We meet on

alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (867-4032, or simsjr@eckerd.edu). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

8:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR SUMMER MONTHS AFTER TODAY

Today is the final 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship Service until October. We hope to see regular 8:15 service attendees at the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service whenever you are in town.

FAITH DAY WITH THE RAYS

Join fellow FPC friends for a day of fun at the ballpark! **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Los Angeles Angels on Saturday, June 15th**. Game time is at 1:10 p.m., and doors open at 11:40 a.m. Lower-level tickets are only \$30 per person (\$60 value!). Each ticket includes a Rays hat of your choice. Post-game event features Rays players speaking about how faith impacts their daily lives and how it has gotten them to where they are today. Don't miss the Gate Giveaway: short-sleeved Rays hoodie for all fans (while supplies last). Interested? Contact Amy G. (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org) no later than June 3!

**BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS, JUNE 11—JULY 23
WHEN GODLY PEOPLE DO
UNGODLY THINGS**

Join us either Tuesday morning from 9:15–11:30 a.m. or Tuesday evening 6:30–8:45 p.m. in the youth center. Childcare is available by reservation. Please e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call and leave a message at 828-3971. If you have any questions about the study, contact April Hussung at 822-5332 or stapler29@aol.com.

BUNCO IS OFF AND “ROLLING”

Join us on Friday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. This is a great opportunity to get to know others at your church and, while doing so, learn and enjoy bunco! The last time we gathered we all had a blast. Mark your calendar and come out on June 14. If you have any questions, call Ken or Dot Young (727-290-6019).



**A CHOIR REHEARSAL TO REMEMBER
SHE SAID, “YES!”**



Last Sunday morning at choir rehearsal before the 11:00 service, Andrew Lehman got down on one knee and proposed marriage to Jessica Lawson (she said, “yes!”). What an exciting morning! Jessica Lawson and Andrew Lehman have recently moved here from Naples, Florida, and first came to worship here on Palm Sunday. They plan to be married in Naples during a Sunday morning worship service. Congratulations to the happy couple. We pray God's blessing on them.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-218
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123
FPC Bus-Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	S-103
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoast	10:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Presbyterian Towers	10:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	10:30 AM	
Classic Worship with choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY MAY 27

In Observance of Memorial Day
Church Office Closed



TUESDAY, MAY 28

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Meditation For Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

FRIDAY MAY 31

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123
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Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts ♦ Jonathan Rine, Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Amy Grossenbacher, Admin. Asst. ♦ Stacey Ramirez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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