

# SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

## IN MEMORIAM

Stephen Mark Sandon  
November 27, 1957 – May 24, 2026  
First Presbyterian Church  
Tallahassee, Florida  
June 27, 2026, 11:00 AM



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## GATHERING

Voluntary

Komm, heiliger Geist

J.S. Bach  
Arr. Dupre

\*Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Glenn Hodges

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his,  
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Praise the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

Prayer

\*Hymn 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection: he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God. **Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!**

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Walter Moore

*\*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.*

First Reading

Psalm 90:1–10, 12

Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Second Reading

Romans 8:14–27, 31–39

Gospel

Matthew 18:1–5: John 14:1–6, 25–27

Sermon

\*Affirmation of Faith (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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remarks

Benjamin Beldock

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession

## EUCCHARIST

Invitation To The Table

Offertory

\*Presentation Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus 552

LAND OF REST

...to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Memorial Acclamation 553

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...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Amen 554

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\*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking Of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

**Holy God, thank you for your great love by which you feed us, strengthen us, and comfort us. You have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and renewed our hope in your everlasting reign, where there is no more crying, but only joy, in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**The family and congregation will process to the Columbarium for the Committal.**

Sentences of Scripture

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God Steve Sandon,  
and we commit his ashes to their final resting place.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.  
They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

Prayer

Committal

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.  
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.  
This you ordained when you created us, saying,  
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,  
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,  
but life everlasting. **Amen.**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant, Steve.  
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,  
a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.

----Today's offering will be used to address the church's mission to the unhoused. ----

# Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D)

(A)

(D)

(G) (A)

(D)

F

C

F

B<sup>b</sup>

C

F



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A)

(D/F#)

(F#m)

(G)

(A) (Bm)

C

F/A

Am

B<sup>b</sup>

C

Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G)

(D)

(A) (Bm)

(Em7)

(A) (Dsus) (D)

B<sup>b</sup>

F

C

Dm

Gm7

C

Fsus

F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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SERVICE MUSIC


# 553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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## 554

## Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
 B $\flat$  C Dm B $\flat$  F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

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