

Youth Sunday

April 21, 2024

*Nursery care is available for children up to age 3
in the Nursery on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies*

Prelude

arr. Daroo Lee

“Jesus Loves Me”

Welcome

Caroline Calder

Ringing of the Bell

Merritt Kanzer, Nilla Singjaidee

The original church bell is rung in memory of all parents and children who have been lost.

Opening Prayer

First Scripture Reading (p. 1469)

James 1:16-18

Spencer Jones

“Don’t be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 464**

Hymn to Joy

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life."

Prayers of the People

Elle Cesaria

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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."

Special Music

arr. John Jacob Niles

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Alana Therrell

"I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King."

Minute for Generosity—Vacation Bible School

Time with the Children (11 a.m.)

Caroline Calder

Gathering Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

"Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."

Children up to 3 years old may go to the Nursery (Nursery Rm)

Children 3 years old through Kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)

Children in grades 1 through 4 are excused for Primary Sunday School (Sunday School Rm)

Ministry of the Church

Alexia Oliva

Special Music

arr. Jean Anne Schafferman

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Charlie Gundry

"I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. Amen"

Minute for Generosity—Meet Your Deacon Social

Glenn Barton

Special Music

Traditional

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

Lydia Negrón

“The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
And they said that his name was Jesus.

Ah yes, believer! He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby born
And they said that his name was Jesus.”

Second Scripture (p. 1432)

Philippians 4:11-13

Stirling Calder

“I’m not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.”

First Message

Hannah Anglemyer

Offering

Tomás Negrón

. . . “*Freely we have received, freely let us give.*”

Offertory Anthem

arr. Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Children’s Choir

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed?

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood his mercy rains,

Unending love, amazing grace.”

Second Message

Rudy Milliken

***Closing Hymn No. 339**

Slane

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.”

***Benediction**

Postlude

Hal Hopson

“Recessional of Joy”

*The congregation is invited to stand, in mind or in body.

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For more information about **connecting with our church**, please complete the card in the pews.

Our **condolences** are extended to the family of Frances Frisbie, upon her death on November 29, 2023.

The **flowers** that beautify the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God.

Today’s **Fellowship by the Sea** is provided by the Generosity Team. Come to **outside the Lobby doors**, grab a bite, and say hello after worship.

**Next week** is our **Pennies from Heaven Offering**. Your donation helps feed hungry people in our community.

**Rev. Greg Rapier** will be taking a **three-month sabbatical** beginning on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Presbytery defines a sabbatical as a period for reflection, growth, and time away for study. He will return to the pulpit on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

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What will your legacy be? Please remember the church in your will and beneficiary donations and become a **Legacy Partner**. Contact Christine Davis ([christinedavis@firstdelray.com](mailto:christinedavis@firstdelray.com)) for more information.

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**This afternoon at 4 p.m.**, the First Delray Concert Series presents **The Magic of Mozart**. This concert is sold out.

Join the Deacons **next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** for **Meet Your Deacon Sunday** at 10 a.m., between services, for a special *Fellowship by the Sea*. This is the congregation's chance to meet the Deacons and share in fellowship with the other members of their assigned flock. Stay after the 9 a.m. service or come early before the 11 a.m. service for coffee, tea and breakfast goodies provided by each of the Deacons. To accommodate a larger gathering, this fellowship event will be held in the Courtyard and Fellowship Hall. Charts with a picture of each Deacon and a list of their flock will be available to better assist congregants to identify their assigned Deacon.

Join the Deacons as they host a **Cinco De Mayo Family Fun Day** on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 10 a.m. church service. Families of all ages are invited (along with their guests) for a great afternoon of games, food and fellowship. A bounce house will surely be the highlight for the children, along with a rubber ducky dunk, temporary tattoos, popcorn and snow cones. A cornhole toss will keep the adults occupied. This is a free event for all. This celebration is a great way to bring together the whole congregation on the Sunday that the church moves to just one 10 a.m. service. Everyone is encouraged to invite a family they know to join in the fun. Please RSVP your plans to attend on our website or contact Nancy Fine ([nancyfine@firstdelray.com](mailto:nancyfine@firstdelray.com) or 561-276-6338).

**Holly House** will be open on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, during the Deacons' Cinco De Mayo Family Fun Day, for your convenience in purchasing gifts for Mother's Day.



**Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid** is this summer's **VBS** theme! Join us from 9 a.m. to noon from **June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Kathy Baldwin and Grace Hood are our co-directors. We are inviting you to prayerfully consider being part of our leadership team. As we take the children on a trip to Nazareth in the time of Jesus, we need actors, musicians, Bible teachers, game players, decorators, snack makers, and artisans for the marketplace. Contact Grace Hood ([gracehood@firstdelray.com](mailto:gracehood@firstdelray.com)) to see how you can help!

Stop by the Welcome Center to purchase **tickets for the final 2024 First Delray Concert Series concert**, This Land is Your Land, on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each.

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**Bible Bunch for Children** 3 years old through Kindergarten meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Bible Bunch Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

**Primary Sunday School for Children** in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Sunday School Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.



**God Squad** for grades 5 and up meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Youth Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no God Squad today.*

**Youth Chimes** meets during Sunday School in the Bell Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

The **Children's Choir** for kindergarten through 5th grade meets **Sunday mornings** from **10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the Children's Music Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

**Monday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** via Zoom. Contact Maria Graham (mmg2352@gmail.com) for more information.

The **Women's Book Group** next meets **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** via Zoom, and in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies, to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Contact Martha Smith (marthaksmith44@gmail.com) for more information.

**Holly House Workshops** meet **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. in the Holly House.

**Men's Fellowship** meets **Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** at local area restaurants for breakfast and discussion. Contact Fred McNaboe (561-350-4294) for this week's location.

**Women's Discipleship Group** meets **this Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. Contact Pamela Kent-Balasco (561-414-7552) for more information.

**First Delray Ringers** meets **Thursdays at 6 p.m.** in the Bell Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

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Read Dr. Doug Hood's [weekly Nurture Faith meditation](#) on our website under Resources.

Pick up a copy of *Nurture Faith: Five Minute Meditations to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ*, a spiritual resource by Dr. Doug Hood and his son, Nathanael. You may purchase it at the Welcome Center in the Lobby or from your favorite online retailer. Any royalties received support the mission and ministry of the church.

Dr. Doug Hood's new book, *A Month of Prayer: Five-Minute Meditations for a Deeper Experience of Prayer*, is here. With the foreword by Rev. Greg Rapiere and prayers by Leo S. Thorne, this spiritual resource will provide a pathway to a deeper prayer experience. You can purchase this book at the Welcome Center in the Lobby for \$5 or from your favorite online retailer. Any royalties received from book sales support the mission and ministry of the church.

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