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## "Let My People Go" by Timothy R. Botts

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\* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,  
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude: REPTON                      Graham Twist

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

In all beginnings, endings, and all times in between,  
**Christ is behind us, before us, and among us.**

Through God, we are consecrated before we are born,  
**to share God’s love in ways big and small.**

However we come to worship today-in fear, in excitement, in  
uncertainty-in all of it,  
**let us dwell in God’s love together.**

\* HYMN 432                      *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*                      REPTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who calls, you give each of us purpose. In many different  
ways, you call us to use our gifts to share your love with the world.  
However, we don’t always feel ready to do what you’ve called us to  
do. Often, we feel unprepared, unworthy, and unclear about what  
following you might entail. In these moments, Lord, help us trust  
the Holy Spirit, the one who’s been preparing us to follow you  
since the very beginning. Help us trust your oversight, so that we  
might approach your work with bravery and boldness....**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING                      Philippians 4:4-9

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES  
*Please join in singing as the children come forward.*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:7-17, 4:13-16

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Walking with God* Paul Basler  
Chancel Choir and Jordan Smith, Flute

O! for a closer walk with God, a calm and a heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road, that leads me to the Lamb!  
Where is the blessedness I knew, when first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul refreshing view, of Jesus and his word?  
What peaceful hours I once enjoyed! How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void, the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.  
The dearest idol I have known, whatever that idol be;  
Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road, that leads me to the Lamb.

\* DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES

ELDERS		
Kurt Boeve	Dan Mitas	Ankie Schuitema
Mary Jane Chase	Lilly Rego	John Voorhorst
Jeff Colton	Dianne Santinga	

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

**Ways to give:**  
**Cash/Check**  
Place in the offering plate or in the mail

**Text-to-Give**  
Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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Paul Basler is Professor of Music at the University of Florida where he has been on the faculty since 1993. Prior to his appointment at UF, he served as the Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Music at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya, taught at Western Carolina University and was the North Carolina Visiting Artist in Residence at Caldwell Community College.

Ruling elders are called to ministry in partnership with teaching elders. Within this calling, ruling elders have responsibilities in several areas of the life of the church including exercise in leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline.

Deacons are ordained officers of the church who have a ministry of service, witness, and care to the congregation.

DEACONS		
Anne Andrus	Chris Hayes	Linda Koos
Karla Olson Bellfi	Ellery Hendrix	Chris Larson
Lisa Danielson	Keanu Heydari	Jenna Mares
William Erben	Ellen Johnson	Mike McQueen
Marilyn Goodsman	Cathy King	Angie Miller

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead and serve in the way of Jesus Christ?  
**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they and the entire Session guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?  
**We do.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

**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.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENDING

\* HYMN 69                      *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*                      HERE, I AM

\* LITANY OF SERVICE

Siblings in Christ, God’s Spirit calls.  
Bring hope to the broken-hearted,  
companion the sick, bear one another’s burdens.  
Work to feed people hungry for compassion and care.  
With open hearts, doors, and arms, welcome everyone home.  
**Let us make God’s love visible.**  
**Here I am, send me!**

Faithful people have heard that call.  
Elders and Deacons for 200 years have answered  
with energy, intelligence, creativity, and love.  
Shaping and strengthening First Pres for generations.  
**Let us listen for Christ’s call to us.**  
**Here I am, send me!**

Christ calls some to preach the Word,  
celebrate the Sacraments, and order the life of the Church.  
Empowered to equip God’s people,

to unify us in our worship and witness,  
they have special gifts.  
**Let us respond to the ministry of Christ through them.**  
**Here I am, send me!**

Over his lifetime of ministry, Pastor Jay has led and fed us,  
teaching us to listen well, counseling us to be curious,  
inviting us to the Table to feast together in Christ.  
Death and illness have not come on schedule.  
The truth has not always been easy to preach.  
Through his unending compassion, tireless service and unbounded love,  
our love and faithfulness have grown.  
**Well done, thou good and faithful servant, for you said:**  
**Here I am, send me!**

With humility and wonder, we see God’s power  
to do great things through us.  
We humbly offer ourselves in service to Christ.  
**Let us be true to our calling:**  
**praise God, love and serve the people,**  
**with extraordinary faith and unconditional love.**  
**Here we are, send us!**

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we  
experience as God’s people. Greet one another saying, “The peace of  
Christ be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.”*



*The chancel flowers are given by the congregation and staff to the glory of  
God and in gratitude of Rev. Jay Sanderford's 40 years of ministry.*

*Join us following worship in the Social Hall for a special reception  
to honor Jay and Beth Sanderford.*

Today we  
celebrate the  
remarkable  
ministry of the  
Reverend Jay  
Sanderford, who  
has faithfully  
served as our  
Associate Pastor  
for the past 10  
years and is  
retiring after 40  
years of ministry.



# WELCOME

## We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us.

While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. **Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. **Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

## Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

## Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. The structure is only a three minute walk from the church, and parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

## Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers	<i>Hillegonds Chapel</i>
Rev. Tommy Langejans	<i>Prayer Partner</i>
Rev. Hannah Lundberg	Nancy Fox
Rev. Mark Mares	<i>Ushers</i>
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers	Greta Krapohl, captain
<i>Musicians</i>	Hugh Daly
Chancel Choir	Aidan Majorprice
<i>Organist</i>	Holly Majorprice
David Hufford	David Prentice-Hyers
<i>Minister of Music &amp; Fine Arts</i>	Carol Smith
David VanderMeer	Paul Smith
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Angela Yang
Sandy Pollock	

## Thank You

We recognize, thank, and welcome today the members who are being ordained as new Deacons and Elders and those who are being installed to continue another term. Our deep appreciation and gratitude also goes to those outgoing Deacons and Elders who have completed their service in 2023:

### Deacons

Betty Anderson	Jennifer Edwards	Catherine Kendall	Nancy Tena
Kim Byers-Granito	Pam Ehrhart	Nelly Petrock	Felicity Williams
Sharon Dort	Kathy Hillig	Brad Taylor	

### Elders

Jennifer Day	Kate Kraft	Keith Molin	Jean Song
Nancy Fox	Stephen McKenny	Leonard Rezmierski	Deanne Woodruff

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	<b>Contemplative Communion Service</b> Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> Sanctuary & Livestream
9:30 AM	<b>Children &amp; Youth Faith Formation</b> Classrooms
10:30 AM	<b>Reception for Sanderfords</b> Social Hall
10:45 AM	<b>Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8th)</b> Lemon Chapel
11:15 AM	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b> Classrooms
11:15 AM	<b>Worship</b> Monteith Hall
5:00 PM	<b>Farewell Party for the Sanderfords</b> Social Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT FORMATION

**Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. today.**

*The Exploring the Faith class will not meet today.*

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

**New Testament:**

**Epistles of Peter**

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

**Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies  
While Striving For God's Justice**

Curtis Room & Zoom

### MISSION

**January Food Collection**

Each month we collect food donations and special financial contributions to support a local hunger ministry partner. This month our partner is Food Gatherers. Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Grief Conversations**

Beginning on February 19

Grief Conversations will return the third Monday of each month from 12 – 1 online. Join Rev. Rogers for a support group and network of those who grieve, supporting one another and learning to share the burdens. Learn about grief and remember your loved ones in the process. Join us at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5502657984>.


### MUSIC & FINE ARTS

**Summer Camp**

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-stop fun this summer learning the musical drama based on the Exodus story, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics." We'll have lots of other activities, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and more. The cost is \$75 per camper, and the camp will run from July 29 to August 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a performance on Sunday, August 4. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

REV. JAY SANDERFORD IS

*Retiring*



After **40** Years

OF MINISTRY

YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
FAREWELL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Worship Service  
**9:30 a.m.**

Fellowship Hour  
Celebration  
**10:30 a.m.**


Evening Celebration  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**


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