



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

PRELUDE

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ontonio Christie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.
Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.
Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Laura Parker

HYMN MEDLEY

*Shall We Gather
Come Thou Fount
Blessed Assurance*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED
GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

I Feel the Spirit Moving
Kristi Hagood, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

Rev. Laura Parker

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-31

Tom Hood

SERMON

"Is This Really Necessary?"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Antonio Christie

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY CHALLENGE

Staff Video

HYMN

Victory In Jesus

SENDING FORTH

Music today led by Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, and Shea White, John Richardson – Organ, Phillip Baggins – Drum, Blake Nolte – Saxophone, Quintin Ayers – Bass.

Thank you to all those who contribute behind the scenes to making our worship services happen each week: Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, Video; Jeff White, Sound.



Whatever it Takes...

for the Sake of His Glory!

A Sermon Series for the 50 Days of Easter

The days between Easter and Pentecost are for us as Christians a time when we contemplate our response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What do we do now? What is the nature of our consideration? Where will this walk with Jesus take us from here?

Romans 8:18-21 will anchor us as we move through these seven Sundays, culminating with Pentecost on May 31st.

Romans 8:18-21 (NRSV)

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

The desire for this season of preaching and teaching is to gain fresh understanding on not only the event itself, but the *power* of resurrection in our daily lives. Are we willing

to submit all our experiences to the work that God wants to do in and through us? Do we believe that our present “sufferings” may be the very ground from which something new is being created and revealed in us? How shall we profess this living hope together?

Join us for worship (virtually, for now) as we offer our thanks and praise to God and allow the Word to speak into our lives. More than just digital transactions, we believe that these ‘gatherings’ still hold the power for divine transformation. So again, we say, *Easter people, raise your voices! Whatever it takes!*

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received on April 19 - \$34,100

(Online - \$16,650 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$17,450)

Thank you so much for your continued support to Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Jeff White, Business Administrator

Prayers for the People

Sympathy and comfort for these families:

Jack Reid and sons, Joey and Will (Karen) in the loss of his wife and their mother, **Bethany Reid.**

The Burrell Family: Jack, Patti, Lauren and Jack, Jr. in the death of Jack’s mother, Shirley Jean Walker Burrell.

Other:

During this season of Covid 19 the awareness of our medical personnel is more heightened than ever. We want to thank you for making a difference and know that you are prayed for daily. If we have missed adding your name to those who are working on the frontlines during this current crisis, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Bill and Lucy Bingham
Ross Bishop
Mike Brantley
Jennie Breslin
Frank Bunch
Chris and Marti Burgess
Lisa Calhoun
Mary Catherine Crocker
Mitzi Childs
Jason Determann
Craig Dowden
Paula Drummond
Matt Goldman
Catherine Knight Gradle
Christy Guepet
Lanier Hagood
Albert Haas

Roy and Karen Haywood
Brett Henderson
J.C. Jacobs
Robi Jones
Megan Kappel
Kristan Knight
Mary Frances Krause
Gene Lammers
Martin Lester
Andy Luedecke
Parag Mahakatar
Mike McBrearty
Sean McBrearty
Jessica Calhoun McCarthy
Harvey McCulloch
John McDuff
Rob Meichner

Scott and Elizabeth Minto
Meg Moore
Lyda Murray
Emily Norris
Suzanne Parish
Jim Parker
Greer Pearson
Lynne Pearson
Abby Phillips
Josh Rachel
John Richardson

Meredith Roach
Robbie Rux
Ben Schrubbe
Marshall Shoemaker
Keith Spain
Roger Tart
Allison Turnbull
Keith and Shelley Turnbull
Adrianne Thrash
Jeremy White

Caring Ministries

- Caring Ministries and Missions have provided 90 springtime plants to bring sunshine into homes of our members. The volunteer response to deliver the plants was overwhelming. We can do amazing ministry together.



Ann greeted everyone with
“Hey Mama.”

Keith Hoffman knows who
the boss is!



Volunteers picking
up plants to deliver.



- **Prayer Team** has provided a Prayer Banner, “Pray Without Ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 designed by Antonio, is on display on exterior wall of Wesley Hall. This is an encouragement for our church family as well as the community. **We are in this season TOGETHER and will come through it TOGETHER.**

If you are interested in participating with any of these opportunities and need more information, you can email Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Children's Ministries



Summer Camp - ENERGIZE

June 15-19

3rd, 4th and 5th graders

Early bird registration ends on May 1st (\$320). Full rate begins on May 2nd (\$340). There's an additional \$50 due in June to the church for bus transportation. Register at www.bluelakecamp.com.

NOTE ... Should our camp need to be cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, Blue Lake will make the announcement on May 15th. If this happens, everyone registered will receive a FULL refund.

Sunday School News



Ann Caryl Johnston

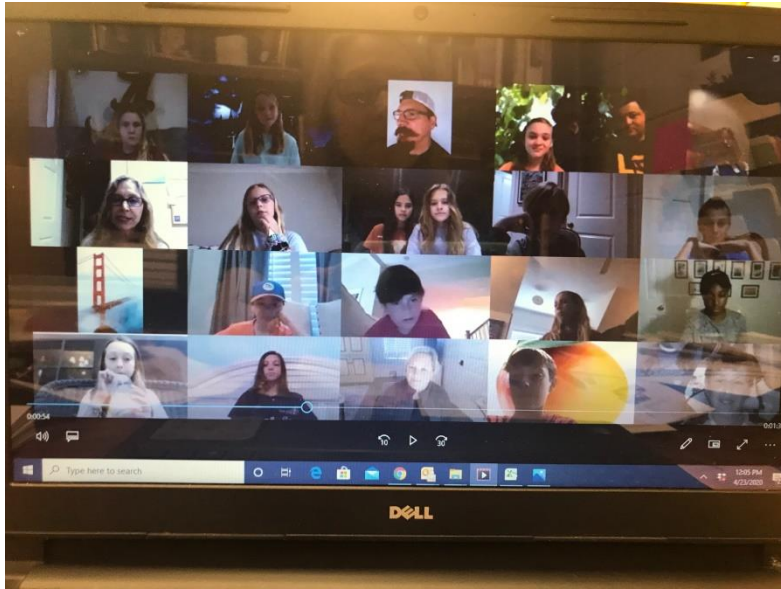


Coleman O'Connell



William O'Connell

Some of our amazing, dedicated Sunday School teachers will be delivering packets with our May lessons next week – social distancing style. Be prepared to be “Ding Dongs” Ditched! If you want to receive these lessons but have not emailed Michelle, please do so no later than Monday, April 27th to michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org!



SWIFT Zoom Get Together (5th & 6th graders)

Wednesday, April 29th
6:30pm

This week's activity ...
Talent Show!

Look for the meeting link in an email from Michelle.

Student Ministry

Adopt-A-Grand Program

Our 7th-12th graders are invited to adopt-a-grandparent within our congregation through a list prepared by Ann Pearson and our Caring Ministry team. If you are in student ministry at Fairhope United Methodist and interested in participating or in learning more about what to do, please call or text Rachael Waldhour (256) 343-1303. Through our Adopt-A-Grand program you will call weekly and connect with your Grand and get to know a member of our congregation that you would not have otherwise had the opportunity to meet.

Weekly Virtual Worship & Community Groups

On Sunday nights @ 7pm our Student Ministry will come together in an online worship experience created just for students that will end with an invitation to our virtual Community Groups @ 7:30pm via Zoom. If you have a student in 7-12 grade, please make sure they are plugged into a Groupme Account with their grade for the invitation and link to all of these unique experiences.

You can email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org to get them connected!

Senior Celebration Ceremony

We hope to come together to send-off our Seniors with a breakfast and recognition on Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00am. Please save the date and watch your email for further details.

High School Virtual Game Night

If you have a student in 9th-12th grade, they are invited to our High School virtual game night on Wednesday, April 29 @ 7:30pm. They can join us live on zoom and be a part of the games and prize give away!

Missions Ministry

Here is what is going on ...

How are we SERVING?

COMMUNITY CAFE' - ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT HOSTING OUR NORMAL FRIDAY LUNCH, WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR HOMEBOUND & COMMUNITY FRIENDS. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING OVER 130 MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE ALSO PARTNERING WITH OUR FRIENDS AT DAPHNE UMC.



*NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 1ST WE ARE PARTNERING WITH A GROUP OF LOCAL UPS DRIVERS WHO WILL BE DONATING AND PREPARING HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY LUNCH. *

BALDWIN COUNTY EMA & BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - WE CONTINUE TO HELP ORGANIZE & FEED OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY.

SNACK PACKS - WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING/ASSEMBLING SNACK PACKS. MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS HAVE CHILDREN AT HOME & ARE IN NEED OF SNACKS. WE WILL BE PREPARING SNACK PACKS FOR FAIRHOPE HIGH SCHOOL & ROTARY YOUTH CLUB.



PRODISEE PANTRY - FAIRHOPE UMC IS ORGANIZING MEALS TO FEED VOLUNTEERS AT PRODISEE PANTRY. WE PROVIDED LUNCH TO 85 VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVING ON DISTRIBUTION DAY. WE ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER WITH DISTRIBUTION AND PREPARATION ON APRIL 28TH (8AM-12PM *MUST BE 18 AND OLDER TO SERVE) & IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

RAID YOUR PANTRY WEEKLY CHALLENGE - JOIN US AS WE HELP THOSE WHO ARE FOOD INSECURE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BENEFIT FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB, THE LORD'S PANTRY & FAIRHOPE HIGH SCHOOL.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP.

PLEASE EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

MUCH LOVE TO ALL, JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Whatever It Takes Challenge

Instructions for Week of April 26th

Don't forget Delivery Day is Thursday, April 30th, 4 to 6pm, church parking lot.



Delivery Day Thursday, April 30th 4-6

- STEP 1: GRAB A BAG OR A BOX & FILL IT WITH THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE
STEP 2: DRIVE THROUGH THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON 4/30 4-6PM
STEP 3: PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR & POP YOUR TRUNK WHEN DELIVERING
STEP 4: IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DELIVER CONTACT US FOR PICK UP

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