



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Trinity Sunday
June 7, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

INTROIT

Morning Has Broken

Shea, Dena and Jeff White

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ *Genesis 1*

Rev. Ontonio Christie

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created the world out of a formless void.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created people in the image of God.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

(UMH #92)

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, who towers as high as goodness can reach
and stoops as low as love can bend, we worship you.**

**In creation, you come to us as a presence
that enables us to cultivate the earth and respect it.**

**In Christ, you come to us as a presence
that enables us to love our neighbors and serve them.**

**In the Holy Spirit, you come to us as a presence
that enables us to discern our oneness and celebrate it.**

**O Lord our God, our Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer,
even though you are present to us in more ways than we can ever know,
we come here today, not asking for your knowledge
but seeking your presence,
through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

HYMN	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i>	(UMH # 152)
THE APOSTLE'S CREED		Rev. Ontonio Christie
GLORIA PATRI		
OFFERING	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Tom and Jenna Hood
DOXOLOGY		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Rev. Ontonio Christie
FIRST LESSON ~ <i>Psalm 8</i>		
SECOND LESSON ~ <i>2 Corinthians 13:11-13</i>		Dr. Darren M. McClellan
SERMON	<i>"Awe-Inspired Living"</i>	Rev. Laura Parker
OUR CONFESSION		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Dr. Darren M. McClellan
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
A WORD FOR NEXT WEEK		Dr. Darren M. McClellan
HYMN	<i>God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	(UMH #150)
SENDING FORTH		

Music this Sunday is presented by Tom and Jenna Hood,
and Jeff, Dena and Shea White.
Thanks to our technical crew:
Jamie Waldhour, Kaitlyn Hunter and Robert Hammon.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received May 31 - \$24,031
(Online - \$7,376 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$16,655)

For those of you who would like to bring your offering to the church, we have a mail slot located in the door across from the glass doors in the breezeway entrance of the education building.

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

Jeff White, Business Administrator



The Unbelievable God

Season after Pentecost 2020

From the beginning of the Christian community's early formation as a peculiar people of God, the call of Jesus to his followers has been "to be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). What does this mean for us today? At Pentecost, the promise of Christ's enduring presence is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon *all* flesh, thereby equipping the Church to *be* more than just another special interest group of like-minded individuals — and to *do* more than it could ever do on its own.

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower...*

This prophetic claim still echoes across the church of today; but is it still believe-able? In a world that toils with foreboding sickness and perpetual injustice, the news of redemption through death and resurrection may sound cruel, at worst, and at best, highly unusual. Even more so, the notion of actual reconciliation by way of genuine repentance and forgiveness sounds like a far-fetched dream. Is it wishful thinking? Or is it the gospel Truth?

The psalmist tells us that the Creator God is still at work, and that the Lord will give us what we need in "due season" (104:27). The big idea is that the God who said "let there be light" in the beginning is the same God with a plan for our present darkness as well. Do we still believe that? Is this Word really enough for us in the living of *these* days? Or is it just another delusional, unbelievable fantasy?

In our summer reading of God's Word to us and for us, we also face the absurdity of what God may ask of us along the way. As a church family, we are already living a bit 'out of sorts, but let us consider another family by comparison. If you listen to the voice of mother Sarah in Genesis, the inclination is to laugh out loud. If you ask father

Abraham to share his story, you will likely shudder with fear and frustration. If we consider the plight of Hagar, we might begin to identify with the heart of God for an oppressed people. These witnesses are not so sweet and simple. They too understood that not every tale of summer involves a beach or a pleasure cruise.

Somewhere between the Word and the world we are prone to exclaim:

What kind of a God would put people through all of this? Unbelievable.

In our episodes of pain and uncertainty, there are still moments of subtle glory. Amidst the travail, there are glimpses of transcendence when the will of God is revealed with fresh insight. In this particular season of deep disorientation, we struggle to find words suitable for our witness. Lord only knows what might happen next!

Our response to the unbelievable God will make a difference. When I envision God's preferred future for the community of Fairhope UMC, faith tells me that it will be unbelievable...absolutely...but in the best way possible!

In choosing to "love boldly," we find our voice amidst the clamor of the crowd.

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

Grace to You,

Darren

Prayers for the People

Sympathy:

Jasmine Hodges, John Richardson, Colin and Kate in the death of Jasmine's father, Harry Hodges.

Celebration:

Congratulations to Johanna and Beckham Wyrick on the birth of their daughter, Emmi Josephine Wyrick, born on May 30. Her big sister is Ada and big brother is Henri.

Other:

Medical personnel and other first responders

Be sure to scroll all the way down. There are lots of Announcements!

Caring Ministries Update:

- Caring Ministries remains in touch and is always available to help support and pray with you at any time. Dr. Ann Pearson can be contacted by email: ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



An encouraging card and book mark was mailed to our church family this week.

An inspirational "Surprise Happy" was delivered to the front porches of 140 church families last week.

Caring Ministry Servants:
Reed Givens, Gloria Fisher and Paula Wilson



- **Two Support Groups will begin Zoom Meetings on computer:**

This week, Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 12:30pm. *Please contact Ann at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you would like to join the meeting and an invite will be sent to you.*

Caregivers Support Group will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30am. *Please contact Ann at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you would like to join the meeting and an invite will be sent to you.*



A note from Rev. Laura: I am hosting online devotionals through Zoom every Monday morning at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. You may access these gatherings through a Zoom link that is provided. You may join through a computer that has camera and audio capability, through the Zoom app on your phone or tablet or you may call in through a number that is provided. We will hear prayer concerns after the devotional is shared and then depart for whatever our day of social distancing has in store. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and is merely one more opportunity to be together as God's people – somehow – even though we find ourselves apart and distanced in these days of CV19! Please plan to join us on Mondays until further notice.

Join us by Zoom at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99089887119>

For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).



Summer Book Club Dates Announced...

Several weeks ago, I announced the “picks” for our summer book club. The theme this year is “home.” What constitutes home? Is it a country, is it a house, is it the land, is it people? What does it mean to leave your home or to find a new home? What happens when one becomes “untethered” from what he or she considers to be home? (Look for updates on our June 16th session by E-list in the next week.)

I have chosen dates for us to gather and discuss these books and I would like to share those with you for your calendar:

June 16 th	<u>This Tender Land</u> , William Kent Krueger
July 14 th	<u>The Dutch House</u> , Ann Patchett
August 11 th	<u>American Dirt</u> , Jeanine Cummins

At this time, we are scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm in the Parlor on each of the above dates. I also have a “hold” on the Fellowship Hall for these dates in case we need room to spread out and practice social distancing. We also may need to consider using Zoom for virtual gatherings if we determine by then that it is unwise for us to gather together in the church.

For now, enjoy your reading! Books have the power to stretch us and challenges us – and can also entertain and distract us! Sometimes that can be a good thing.

All of the books are readily available on Kindle, so no need to leave your house if you are an e-reader. All books are also available through Amazon or can be ordered through Page and Palette, with curbside pick-up if requested. (Page and Palette may have copies in stock. Call to check!)

Blessings to all of you during this very odd time in the life of our church and community.

Happy reading!!

Laura

Children's Ministry ...

SUNDAY SCHOOL PACKETS

June Sunday School packets were delivered to 52 children with an extra little "happy"!



SWIFT SERVES

A small group of 5th & 6th graders put together 125 bags of groceries last Wednesday night that will be given to those in need at Rotary Youth Club. These kids have such huge servant hearts! Our next serving opportunity will be to make and deliver lunch to Fairhope City employees. Once details are worked out, SWIFT parents will be contacted!



SWIFT Zoom Get Together: Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30pm. Parents will be sent the link.



Let's Support Our Beloved Blue Lake!

The kids and I can't be at summer camp this year but our church families can still support the camp we adore! Register today for the **WALK BY FAITH VIRTUAL 5K**! This fundraiser consists of running or walking 3.1 miles – anywhere at any time with any one! AND you get a t-shirt! Keep track of your distance and when you've finished

your 5K and receive your t-shirt in the mail, post a picture in it on social media with #BLCWalkbyFaith*. Let's support Blue Lake and flood Facebook and Instagram with

pictures from Fairhope UMC! **Registration will close on June 12. The fee is \$35.**
bluelakecamp.com/events

Coming soon ... more fun, creative ways Blue Lake Camp is reaching out this summer to stay connected and financially sound – CAMP IN A BOX & JULY FAMILY CAMPS!

Student Ministry ...

Community Group

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS ~WEDNESDAY's @ 6:30pm

Our C-Groups are coming together with their friends and leaders to meet outside in the backyard of a host home or in another outdoor location. The details for every group meeting & location is different because we are still not meeting inside the buildings on our church campus. **All C-groups will meet this Wednesday evening again @ 6:30 pm. Please check your Groupme accounts for the details for your group and don't miss out! *Meetings are based on leader availability and weather***

Stepping Up Program

WELCOME ALL RISING 7th GRADERS TO SALT STUDENT MINISTRY!!!

June 14, 15, 16 & 17 @ 5:30 pm

We are so excited to announce that our Stepping Up bridge program will meet June 14th-17th, 2020. This program is open to all rising 7th grade students that will be in student ministry at Fairhope UMC this fall. **Stepping Up** is a great way to transition your 7th grader into our middle school ministry. Please note, our groups will only meet in outdoor spaces, social distancing and in a small group. Therefore, we have some creative ideas on how to connect using all of those elements while getting this group connected to our ministry. To get registered and receive all the details, please follow the instructions below!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR STEPPING UP:

1. To register your student, please click this link: <https://fairhopeumc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/7806956e-67cd-4027-8205-a6943ceac81a>
2. Next, we will send you a form to have your student fill it out and turn in to Rachael Waldhour. This step helps us to pair them with student mentors that have something in common with them.
3. Finally, return the form you can scan and email to Rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org.

HOW DO YOU GET CONNECTED TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

*Text "SALTSTUDENTS" to "43506"

*Follow **fairhopeumc.youth** on Instagram

*Like our page **FHSaltstudents** on Facebook

*For email updates, get on our list by sending your information to

Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org!

Middle & High School Mission Trips 2020

Our Middle School & High School mission trips will not go on as planned for this summer. In this season of uncertainty and with the current on-going health crisis, we cannot ensure the safety of your students on trips of this type. We are incredibly sorry. We know the disappointment that you must feel because we are right there with you! We've been in contact with the group we were to partner with and they are hopeful that we can serve alongside them next summer.

For those of you who have already paid deposits, you have 2 choices below:

- 1) [Email Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) with your name, trip, and address to let him know you would like a reimbursement.
- 2) Or let him know via email that you would like to transfer this to the next mission trip and we will make a note in our records.

Moving forward, we are working closely with several organizations that would provide a safer approach in serving in what we will call our "**Student Ministry Mini-Missions**" which will take place during the month of July! Our hope is to give smaller teams a chance to serve 2-3 days on projects. Please remember that everything is fluid and stipulations on gathering groups change almost daily, so we expect to announce more details in early June in hopes that they stay the same. Stay-tuned for a new way to serve and how to sign up.

SENIOR SEND-OFF ~ Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00am ~ Location: TBA

This spring did not look the way our 2020 Graduates planned! However, it has given us the joy of celebrating them in new and unique ways. We hope you've been watching our facebook post "Senior Saturday's" that began in April and continued through May 23! Every week we have shared photos, quotes and future plans for all 29 of our grads!

Now, we would like to invite our 2020 High School Graduates and immediate family to our "Senior Send-Off" that will take place on Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00 am. Save the date and make plans to join us for a time to celebrate your graduate and pray for them all as they prepare to leave for fall!

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 140 HOME BOUND MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SERVING AROUND 350-400 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.



DHR/BALDWIN COUNTY CAREHOUSE CARE PACKAGES- WE ARE MAKING PLANS TO PROVIDE CARE PACKAGES FOR BALDWIN COUNTY CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CARE OF DHR AND THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER CAREHOUSE (CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY OR SEXUALLY ABUSED). WE WILL BE PROVIDING CARE PACKS TO OVER 200 CHILDREN IN CARE OF DHR & CAREHOUSE. THESE WILL BE DELIVERED THIS COMING WEEK!



RAID YOUR PANTRY- THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH SMALL GROUPS & SWIFT WHO HAVE BEEN SORTING & BAGGING FOOD ITEMS. SWIFT BAGGED OVER 125 BAGS THIS WEEK THAT WERE GIVEN TO ROTARY YOUTH CLUB.



BORDEN MILK- WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE 360 GALLONS OF MILK EACH WEEK TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAYS. BORDEN MILK WILL BE DELIVERING MILK TO US THROUGH THE END OF JUNE. WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THE MILK THROUGH THE FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.



WE WILL BE PROVIDING MILK EACH WEEK TO POSTER CARE FAMILIES AND FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING ON-GOING SERVICES THROUGH DHR STARTING FRIDAY JUNE 5TH 10AM-1PM.

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP UNLOAD MILK ON FRIDAYS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.



CONFERENCE PPE DISTRIBUTION- WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE CONFERENCE COVID TASK FORCE TO SERVE AS A RECEIVING & DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR PPE SUPPLIES FOR THE BAY PINES DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP SERVE.

FAMILY PROMISE- SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 20TH- WE ARE SPONSORING "NIGHT WITHOUT A BED" TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN BALDWIN COUNTY. YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY JOINING FAMILY PROMISE'S FIRST NATIONAL NIGHT WITHOUT A BED SLEEPOUT ON JUNE 20TH. PUT UP A TENT IN YOUR BACK YARD. MAKE A FORT IN YOUR LIVING ROOM. WRAP UP IN BLANKETS ON THE SOFA OR IN A SLEEPING BAG ON THE FLOOR. GIVE UP YOUR COMFORTABLE BED FOR ONE NIGHT AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE A PICTURE AND POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA #NIGHTWITHOUTABED AND TAG FAMILY PROMISE OF BALDWIN COUNTY & FAIRHOPE UMC.



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