



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue

G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laura Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities
for healing and reconciliation,
for new beginnings and restored relationships.
Unite our hearts with your will
so that in this hour of worship
your abundant anointing may flow through us,
filling us and transforming us
that we may be instruments of your promised blessings
to a world in need. Amen.**

HYMN #102

Now Thank We All Our God

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Rev. Antonio Christie

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #557

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

OFFERING

Rev. Antonio Christie

SPECIAL MUSIC

Largo in F

G.F. Handel

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, by the power of your Spirit
give us your words of life
that our faith may increase and our hearts
be made whole. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Psalm 133

SERMON

“We Miss the Mess”

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

God declares:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
Confident in our deliverance,
let us confess our sins before
God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**we confess we have not been obedient
to your will for us.**

**We have sought justice for ourselves
but neglected justice for others.**

**We have insisted on our rights
but have not lived rightly in our relationships.**

**We have desired mercy for our sins,
but we have not offered mercy to those
who have sinned against us.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit
free us from the prison of our disobedience.**

**Help us to love as you have loved us
that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Parker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #374

Standing on the Promises

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker,

Music: Kristi Hagood, John Richardson

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Robert Hammon

Prayers for the People

Sympathies...

Michelle May in the death of her mother, **Mary Doug Foreman**.

Dan and Carrie French in the death of his father, Ed French.

Kim Gibson in the death of her father, James Lee Gibson.

Bob and Nancy Walsh in the death of their cousin, Bob Valentine.

Medical personnel and other first responders

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received August 9- \$41,114

(Online - \$15,699 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$25,415)

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

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



An Invitation from Pastor Laura:

Begin your week with an online devotional through Zoom on Monday mornings at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together is brief, 15-20 minutes. Hear a short devotional and then share prayer concerns with each other.

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

We have several Sunday school classes currently meeting through Zoom. Following is information you may find of interest as you seek to remain connected with brothers and sisters in Christ:

Foundations Class

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:45am

Link to Zoom Meeting Sundays at 9:45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83786688837?pwd=Uk5MdGNDTHp3TUdBclcwUWRzL20zUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8668 8837

Password: 684133

Grace and Peace

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:30am (we try to hold it to an hour)

Topic: *Red Letter Revolution: What if Jesus really meant what he said?* by Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo. It is a very discussion oriented class led by different people in the class. Everyone is welcome!

Zoom meeting ID: 9092162907

New Beginnings

Facilitated by: Rick Miller

This class will not be meeting the month of August.

Koinonia

Facilitated by: Tony Caminiti

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:30am

This week's lesson: "**When GOD Speaks**"

All are invited to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84902338059?pwd=WmFNUUVzdHBYZDM5ak9sQ09pQUVHQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 0233 8059

Passcode: 507774

Homecoming Class

This class will not meet this Sunday. If you would like information about when this class will resume, please contact Brenda Robinson: (205-294-1705) or

bgodbold@hiwaay.net.

Caring Ministries...

We have Cloth Masks Available:

Contact Ann Pearson at the church office 918-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if that will help keep you safe and well.

Tough Dogs Chemo Care Ministry continues to make an impact in our community.

Thank you note sent by a cancer patient going in for their first treatment...

I wanted to say thank you to all of the Tough Dog members for the wonderful chemo care gift bag. I have to say that the receiving of it at the precise moment it was delivered was an even bigger gift than the thoughtful items inside.

I had been feeling apprehensive and a little sad the morning I arrived for my first treatment and was being escorted back to begin. Their pharmacist approached me holding the gift bag and told me you and the group had prepared it for me. It was truly a God Moment for me as I reached for the bag and saw the beautiful cross necklace the pharmacist was wearing. The Father was right there holding me by His right hand at that moment, reminding me of His constant love and care delivered to me through the gift bag all of you created.

So as you can see, I will long remember your gift bag as much more than all the thoughtful comforting items you handmade and purchased to include inside. This special ministry is truly a gift from God.



Wondering who is celebrating a birthday this month? There is now a dedicated space on the church website just for birthdays! Click on the link below to see who is a year older & wiser this month!

[Fairhope UMC August Birthday List](#)

If you ***DO NOT*** wish to have your birthday listed, see a correction, or would like to be added, please contact bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org

Children's Ministries...



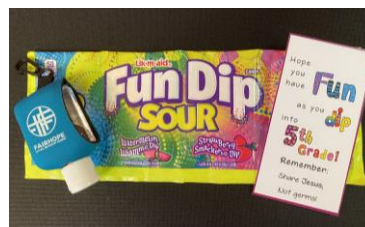
And the winner is ...

Congratulations to the Langston Family (Grant, Holly, Henry & Maggie) for winning our Children's Ministries Summer Family Challenge! With a total of 670 points, they won the Grand Prize - tickets to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo!

Thanks to all the families who participated! Here are the winners of the door prizes: Nicholas Goleash, Alice Ogburn, Will Roach, Craig Dowden, Cate Richardson, Riggins Hammock, Mary Kate O'Connell, Elizabeth Jones!

Back to School Deliveries

We'll be making special deliveries this week to our elementary kids to kick off a new school year!



Parent Survey

Parents will be emailed a short survey to help us prepare for the return of in-person worship and children's ministries programs. Some questions will pertain to your thoughts on volunteering. Please take a moment to complete the survey. It will help us tremendously as we prepare to open the nursery, children's church, Sunday School and Wednesday night programs.

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

Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30pm

Parents will receive an email with the Zoom link on Monday. If your child would like to participate but you do not receive the email, contact Michelle Graham at 251-377-2325.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Registration information for the 2020-2021 year is available at www.fairhopeumc.org under preschool/MOPS. If you are the mother of a child (newborn-kindergarten), you can find fellowship, encouragement and fun in MOPS. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays during the school year in our Christian Life Center.

Note: The start date of September 14th is hopeful but subject to change depending on the reopening phase we are in at that time.

Student Ministry...

FALL STUDENT MINISTRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Beginning: Wednesday 8/26 & Sunday 8/30

We welcome our students, 7th-12th graders, back this fall for our Community Groups that will begin Wednesday, August 26 & Sunday, August 30. The schedule, time and location for every small group are listed below. We look forward to seeing our students again and being able to reconnect in our small groups.

This semester our students will be required to register on a weekly basis. For your safety and the safety of our leaders, every student and adult leader will be required to wear a face covering, practice social-distancing and hand sanitizing stations will be easily accessible. For the time being, no food or drink is allowed during C-groups. Parents, please plan to pick-up your students at the time listed below as we will not have the facility open for recreational play prior to or following our meetings. We will need drivers to remain in your vehicle and students will come to you once they are finished with their group meeting. Thank you in advance for keeping our student ministry family safe and healthy by paying close attention to the first sign of illness and not participating in C-Groups if you have any symptoms of sickness!

We will begin a "**Virtual Small Group**" on Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 pm for students and families that wish to take extra precautions but would still like to participate in student ministry activities!

SUNDAY NIGHTS

- 1) Juniors (Gym) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 2) Seniors (Fellowship Hall) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 3) Virtual Small Groups (Grades 7-12 welcome! ~ Zoom Meeting 8:00-8:45 pm)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- 1) 9th Grade 5:30-6:25 pm (Gym)
- 2) 10th Grade 5:30-6:25 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- 3) 7th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm (Gym)
- 4) 8th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

NEW TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

All rising 7th grade (student & parent) and new church families with 7th-12th graders are encouraged to connect with us through social media, text messaging reminders, GROUPME for every grade and through our email reminders!

Want to get plugged in??? Follow SALTSTUDENTS:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

[Email: Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) to get on our email announcements or to be added to the Groupme for C-Group reminders!

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

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 ALSO PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SERVING AROUND 350 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.

BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - WE ARE COLLECTING BOTTLED WATER & INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS FOR THOSE CONDUCTING COVID-19 TESTING. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING TESTING 5 DAYS A WEEK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BOTTLED WATER OR SNACKS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY!



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 AUGUST. WE ARE DISTRIBUTING THE MILK THROUGH THE FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB, ECUMENICAL MEALS ON WHEELS & AHEPA




SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! TOGETHER WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE OVER 400 SETS OF UNIFORMS & BACKPACKS TO CHILDREN IN NEED!



ON TUESDAY, BACKPACKS WERE DELIVERED TO THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR 71 CHILDREN.

WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING UNIFORMS TO SEVERAL OF THESE FAMILIES.

SOLES 4 SOULS
WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS AT DAPHNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BY BEING A COLLECTION POINT FOR NEW OR GENTLY USED SHOES! ALL SIZES ACCEPTED!



EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.
MUCH LOVE TO ALL.

JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS