



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Let the faithful sing for joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
whose ways are far beyond our understanding,
help us to trust your judgments
so that we may do your will
by loving you and one another.
In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ~ UMH #408

Gift of Love

Tom & Jenna Hood

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Washed By the Water

Shea White, Blake Nolte

DOXOLOGY

LIVE WORSHIP:

Holy Ground

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Ontonio Christie

Holy Spirit,
as your word is read and preached,
pass among your gathered people,
opening minds to increase understanding,
opening hearts to bind us together in your love.
In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY ~ Psalm 149

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

Uncommon Sense

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Parker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: Tom & Jenna Hood, John Richardson, Shea White, Blake Nolte

Media and Sound: Jamie & Rachael Waldhour, Robert Hammon

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathy:

Elsie Butgereit in the death of her granddaughter, and **Robi and Richard Jones** in the death of her niece, Peyton Johnson.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received August 30 – \$43,516

(Online - \$11,609 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$31,907)

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!



Dear Friends,

As proclaimed last week, the way out of Egypt is *hard*. This is also true for the realities of pandemic, prejudice, brutality, bias, addiction, aggravation, greed, gluttony and whole list of other forms of oppression. None of us are at our best right now. These stories of Moses cover it all, however, and set the stage for the cross of Jesus Christ. Our suffering is not always a problem to be fixed, but rather an experience to be endured in faith. This is the witness of scripture. Therefore, as we approach the richness

of the biblical tradition, our confession is pretty simple. When our plans fall short and our patience worn thin, we need help. We need understanding. We need each other. We need God.

The church has never been closed, mind you, but we know that this season of “online only” on Sunday mornings has been a real disruption to the sacred rhythm of our lives. So for those who will enter our doors today, we say, *welcome back!* And to those who will be joining us remotely, rest assured that you are still every bit part of the body of Christ here at Fairhope UMC.

From now to the end of October, our worship services will be digging in to the call of Moses and the challenges of navigating what was known literally and figuratively as the wilderness of Sin (Ex. 17:1). With all of the obstacles that we see presently before us—for our families, our church, our community, our nation, and in the world—I can think of no better image to inform and inspire us than the memory of that story which began with a burning bush.

Do you suppose that flame is still going? How does God keep it, or us, from burning on without burning out?

In this series, we will be remembering the God who hears the cries of His children and works with them to deliver them up and out from the oppressive conditions of Egypt. We will glean certain insight from the scriptures on how to make decisions in the midst of an otherwise divisive culture, and how to handle the perpetual grumbles and groans that so often come with community. We will also reimagine our calling as Christ’s followers here at Fairhope UMC and dare to renew the pursuit of our own mission for the transformation of the world.

I am excited about what God may reveal to us during this time. God knows we could all use a fresh Word of hope. There is nothing about our experience of 2020 that would suggest to us that this 3rd quarter of the year will be easy. Even so, I believe that the Lord has collectively equipped us for this season (whether we know it or not) and will continue to prepare us for whatever it is that the Spirit would have us to do and to be. As he promised Moses...*Here I am!* So I believe that “I AM” is with us...on purpose...ready to deliver!

I am glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Let us hear the good news together.

Come What May—Here I Am!

Darren



A note from Rev. Laura:

Monday morning devotionals are taking a pause the next two Mondays, September 7th and 14th. We hope to resume on Monday, September 21st. Please watch for more information!

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

Will not meet this Sunday, September 6th, but will resume next Sunday, September 13th.

Grace and Peace

Meets on Sundays at 9:30 (we try to hold it to an hour)

It is a very discussion oriented class led by different people in the class. Everyone is welcome!

Zoom meeting ID: 9092162907

New Beginnings

Currently not meeting.

Koinonia

Facilitated by: Tony Caminiti – Everyone is welcome!

Meets: Sundays at 9:30am.

This week's lesson: "Knowledge Apart From Wisdom" Proverbs 1:1-7

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86786733892?pwd=RGVFMUNBMTkxcEhZbWWhrS1U3YVl1QT09>

Meeting ID: 867 8673 3892

Passcode: 307720

Homecoming 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...



How can we support you?

Caring Ministries, Stephen Ministers and your Pastoral staff are here to care for you. We are available to come along side you through all the blessings and challenges that you may be facing. Together we can find the hope that Jesus wants us to experience. Let us love and care for you.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group

This group is meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 12:30pm virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join in this meeting, contact Ann Pearson, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org and she will send you an invite.

Prayer Walk on the Church Campus



Prayer Ministry invites you to come to the church and experience a Meditated Prayer Walk around the Church Campus. Members and friends are encouraged to come anytime between dawn and dusk to reflect on the scriptures and prayers located at each station. Come to the front doors of the sanctuary to see the map for the guided tour. Prepare your hearts for intentional prayer as you experience God's presence.

Children's Ministries...

Worship Activity Bags are available for each service.

Please take advantage of the worship bags we have prepared for the children to use during the church services. The bags are grouped into **Preschool - 2nd grade** and **3rd grade - 6th grade**. There are activities that coincide with the sermon topic and the bags should be taken home with you.



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

Wednesday, September 9th 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 michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org. This group has so much fun together each week!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

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. Our start date is planned for October 26th.

Registration information for the 2020-2021 year is available at www.fairhopeumc.org under preschool/MOPS.

Cub Scout Pack 47 is kicking off a great new year!

If you have a child in K-5 that loves to learn about the outdoors, physical fitness, and science then Scouting is for you! You can sign up at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/y34lf7ff>

If you have questions please email cubmasterpack47@gmail.com

Student Ministry...

Our Community Groups are underway and below is the schedule of times and location for every small group. We look forward to seeing our students each week and reconnecting 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, September 13 at 8:00 pm for high school students and families that wish to take extra precautions or who have conflicts during the week but would still like to participate in student ministry activities!

SUNDAY NIGHTS (NO C-GROUPS THIS SUNDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!!!
HERE IS OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE.)

- 1) Juniors (Gym) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 2) Seniors (Fellowship Hall) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 3) Beginning SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th @ 8PM VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY
(9-12 graders)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- 1) 7th Grade 5:30-6:30 pm (Gym)
- 2) 8th Grade 5:30-6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- 3) 9th Grade 6:45-7:45 pm (Gym)

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 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"

DISASTER RESPONSE

HURRICANE LAURA RESPONSE

WE ARE PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY HURRICANE LAURA. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH OUR CONFERENCE DISASTER COORDINATOR AND LOCAL VOAD.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN SERVE NOW:

P R A Y

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE STORM.

G I V E

DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN TO FAIRHOPE UMC MARKED "DISASTER RESPONSE" OR YOU MAY GIVE DIRECTLY TO UMCOR.

S E R V E

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS & ASSEMBLING CLEANING BUCKETS WITH THE FAIRHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 8TH.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WAITING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW FAIRHOPE UMC WILL HELP RESPOND TO OUR FRIENDS IN LOUISIANA. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

FAIRHOPE UMC,
FAIRHOPE POLICE
DEPARTMENT & BALDWIN
COUNTY EMA
WILL BE ASSEMBLING
CLEANING BUCKETS FOR
HURRICANE SEASON!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
9:30 AM & 1:00PM
CLC FELLOWSHIP



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK
MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG



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 200 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.



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