



Entry Into Jerusalem by John August Swanson

Fairhope United Methodist Church The Gathering: March 28, 2021

PROCLAMATION OF OUR LORD'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-11

OPENING SONG

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Shea White, Praise Team

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"

But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.

Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always. AMEN.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
Lead Me To The Cross*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

Hosanna In the Highest (Schram)

Children's Choir, Director: Jenna Hood

Children's Choir: Boone Duell, Juliette Jones, Rose Lovingood, Ford Macklem, Whit Macklem,
Frances McCarthey, Murphy McCarthey, Harper Myrick, Reece Myrick, Max McClellan, Cate Richardson,
Colin Richardson, Max Richardson, Mia Richardson, Adelaide Robinson, Harbour Robinson,
Shelby Semmes, Ada Wyrick, Henri Wyrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.

As we hear again the story of the passion,

let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,

who was a servant that we might be free.

Awaken our ears, open our hearts,

and sustain the weary with your Word. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:55-64

SERMON

"Two Parades"

Dr. Darren McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren McClellan

Music: Shea White and Praise Band, Jenna Hood and Children's Choir Acolyte: Hays Bishop

Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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PRELUDE

Prelude in E Minor

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Entrance Into Jerusalem (Cameron)

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to suffer death on the cross.

Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and ever. **AMEN.**

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

Hosanna In the Highest (Schram)

Director: Jenna Hood, Pianist: Natalie Woodrow
Children's Choir: Boone Duell, Juliette Jones, Rose Lovingood, Ford Macklem, Whit Macklem,
Frances McCarthy, Murphy McCarthy, Harper Myrick, Reece Myrick, Max McClellan, Cate Richardson,
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WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Crown the King with Praise* (Nolan)
Anne Brooks, clarinet

DOXOLOGY

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SERMON "Two Parades" Dr. Darren McClellan (8:30)
"Disruptive Choices" Rev. Antonio Christie (11:00)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* #291

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.

His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
his blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.

He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor

J.S. Bach

Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, Natalie Woodrow

Acolytes: 8:30 Jackson Strunk 11:00 Hackett Robertson

Media: Robert Hammon, Kaitlyn Hunter Sound: Ann Lyles Tapscott, James Brown

SPECIAL ALTAR SETTING FOR LENT:

We hope you enjoy the special altar setting for Lent. Here is an explanation of some of the symbolism you will find there. The purple paraments will be used all during Lent, even on communion Sunday, as a symbolism of our individual and corporate penitence. The bare branches symbolize Abraham's and Sarah's barrenness and the rocks symbolize their solid faith in God's promises. The broken jar symbolizes our brokenness in Lent and the water is how God fills us up and revives us...and reminds us of our solidarity with Christ in our baptism. The crown of thorns reminds us of the foretelling of Jesus' death that is present in this season. The scattered gold coins remind us of the scripture from the second chapter of John and reminds us of what is scattered and overturned in our own lives. Today, we add palms to our altar to celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and to remind us that we grow ever closer to the end of our Lenten journey." As you enter this sacred space, we encourage you to meditate on these symbols and let them lead you into a meaningful time of worship.

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In-Person Worship Reservations (Sanctuary Only) for Easter is open!

<https://www.fairhopeumc.org/worshipreservations/>



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Celebrate Easter @
Fairhope UMC!



HOLY WEEK:

SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Worship
8:30 - 11:00 (Sanctuary)
11:00 The Gathering (CLC)

*Children's Choirs sing in both 11am services.

WEDNESDAY

Centering Prayer
5:45 pm (Sanctuary)

PIER 34 & SWIFT Glow-in-the-Dark Egg
Hunt (3rd - 6th Grade)
6:30 - 8:00 pm (Wesley Hall)

THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Service
6:00 pm (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

Good Friday Crosswalk
@ Fairhope Pier
6:15 pm (gather) | 6:30 pm (walk)

SATURDAY

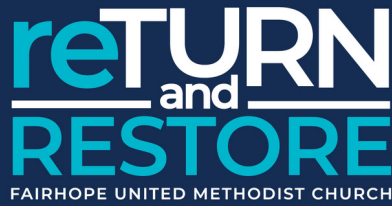
Children's Ministries Easter Egg Hunt
(2nd grade and younger)
10:00 am (Meet in Sanctuary)

Church Family Easter Jam
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
11:00 am The Gathering (CLC)

*Reservations are recommended for the sanctuary services.
Reserve seat(s) at www.fairhopeumc.org/worshipreservations
Nursery available at all services.



Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

--Joel 2:13

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **Restore** to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will **return** to you.

--Psalm 51:10-13

At a time when it is tempting to isolate our hearts as well as our bodies, how important it is to hear the Holy Spirit calling us back into relationship. During a season in which we have wrestled with our reality and grappled with our grief, where do we turn for hope? What are we to do with ourselves and with our situation?

The Word is *return*.

Return to God, who is gracious and merciful. Though our sins may distance us, God has a plan for our reunion. It is time for a new heart, a willing spirit, and thus, a new life altogether.

With its customary emphasis on truth-telling and self-examination, this season of Lent invites us to once again *return* to God in worship, in study, in service and sacrifice, in confession and in pardon. The message is clear and simple: when we *return* to God, we are *restored* by God.

Do not cast me away from your presence we pray.

I will not, says the Lord. I will not, I have not, and I shall not. I cannot return to you, however, because I never left you. Thus, for this relationship to be restored, you will need to return to me. That is the call. Return...and be restored...with joy!

We are glad that you have returned to worship with us today. Welcome home.

Let us repent, rejoice, and be glad...

Darren

Sunday, March 28th: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am.

These classes are meeting in person this Sunday:

Basics B217

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. Members rotate teaching responsibility.

Foundations B215

Parents of children and youth. Foundations continues the study, Faith and Works, diving into the books of Galatians and James, considering what Paul and James said about our salvation. Are we saved by grace through faith alone as Paul wrote to the Galatians or are we required to live a life of good works like James outlines? Are the two books contradictory or complimentary? Facilitated by Kristin Capstraw.

Homecoming Class Wesley Hall

Adults 50+. In-person continues this week with option to connect by Zoom. Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: bgodbold@hiwaay.net

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXlxUUUY2UT09>

Pathfinders B210

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Current study is: "ASK: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age"

New Beginnings B209

Adults in their 40s, 50s, 60s. Some retired, some with children in school or college, some with grandchildren. Current study facilitated by Phil Webb (Max Lucado book, looking at issues of "Acceptance)."

In person with Zoom option: Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86534722052?pwd=Skdha0xpWEw0akQ2RTlVa3QwWTdHQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3472 2052 Passcode: 742529

These classes are meeting by Zoom only at this time:

Peace and Grace

Adults of varying ages and stages will find open, honest, thoughtful conversation in a place of radical hospitality.

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9092162907>

Koinonia

Lesson: Preparing for Easter/Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) Mark 11:1-11

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 09:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88068566631?pwd=QyswRm56bjhBTVlnWE9kVllUUFZ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 6856 6631 Passcode: 008861

Friends in Faith

Retired adults, individuals and couples.

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2IzUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7153 4402 Passcode: 585355

Living Word

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate.

In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QlIeVdxhFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169 Passcode: 575645



A note from Rev. Laura:

Please join me for devotionals every Monday morning at 9:30 until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and will provide an opportunity to see familiar faces and pray together as we begin our week!

Join us by Zoom at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>

Caring Ministries...

Support Groups returning to meet in person.....

Caregivers Support Group, Stephen Ministry, Survivors of Suicide and Tough Dogs Support Group will resume meeting in April along with a zoom option also. We will still social distance and wear masks into the building. Thank you for all your patience during this last year in helping us to remain as safe as possible.

Homebound Communion is available during Holy Week and going forward.

Helen Ingram and her team of Lay Servants and your Pastoral staff would be happy to bring communion to your home. Please contact the church office or Dr. Ann Pearson to request this ministry.

Opportunity to serve....

Our Military Note Ministry is looking for note writers to help with sending notes to the service men and women's families. We are so thankful for our service personnel and we want to continue to support them and their families. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or Marion Mcknight Pedalpoint16@gmail.com.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sunday, March 28

9:00am-12:15pm | Families who requested **Resurrection Bags** may pick them up in the CLC Lobby. Those not picked up will be available in the office during the week.

4:00-5:30pm | **Special Holy Week Event** | K-2nd grade | Meet in Pier Room (B217) in Education Building | Text Michelle if your child will participate (251/377-2325)

4:00-5:30pm | **Learning to Use My Bible** | Pier34 (3rd & 4th grade) | Meet in Wesley Hall in Education Building/Pick up from CLC Gym
(*Note: we will not meet next Sunday, April 4*)

Wednesday, March 31

4:10pm Children's Choir in the Sanctuary.

6:30-8:00pm | **Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt** | Pier34 & SWIFT (3rd-6th grade) | Wesley Hall | Pizza, Devotion, Egg Hunt (bags provided for hunt)
(*Note: SWIFT will not meet Wednesday, April 7*)

Saturday, April 3

10:00-11:00am | **Easter Egg Hunt** | 2nd grade and younger | Meet in Sanctuary

11:00am-1:00pm | **Church Fam Easter Jam** | Food Trucks, Live Music, Inflatables for All Ages | Bring your lawn chairs/blankets

Sunday, April 4

9:45-10:40am | **Sunday School** for children ages 3 years-6th grade

Nursery available for children ages 3 months-Pre-K4 during all worship services and Sunday School.

COMING SOON...

Children's Church will start back on Sunday, April 11 during the 11:00 worship services!! Children will attend the beginning of the service with their family then be dismissed for Children's Church.

Student Ministries...



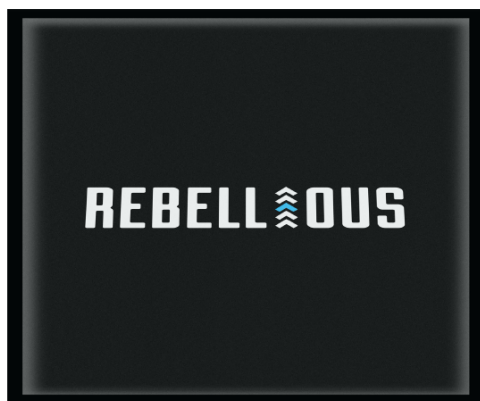
MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION 2021

(Rising 7-9 grade)

June 13-18//Albany, Georgia

Cost=\$400

Student Ministry summer missions are back! This summer our middle school students (rising 7-9 grade) will serve in Albany, Georgia with the Mission Change. Registration is open now on our student ministry page of the church website. For more information, please check your email or contact rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org to be placed on our distribution list! We cannot wait to serve with YOU this summer!



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION 2021

(Rising 10 grade-College)

June 27-July 3//Nashville, Tennessee

Cost=\$650

Come serve with our High School team throughout downtown Nashville, Tennessee. We are partnering with Trinity Commons which is a ministry and homeless outreach in the city. We will also serve with other ministry partners to Trinity Commons in that area to help our brothers and sisters in need. For more information, please check your email or contact rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org to be placed on our distribution list! We cannot wait to serve with YOU this summer!



STEPPING UP 2021

(Rising 7th graders)

May 5,12, 26//CLC//6:30-7:45 pm

Stepping Up is a 3-week bridge program that prepares our current 6th graders to enter into our student ministry program. We use current students as mentors so that they can get-to-know some of our crew! The 3 weeks are jammed packed with dinner, games, worship, surprises & prizes of all kinds. Once you complete this program, our summer ministry begins on Wednesday, June 2 and you are all invited to DIVE IN with our summer! We cannot wait to have your child in student ministry! You can sign-up on our student ministry page.

SENIOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Class of 2021//High School Graduates

Sunday, May 2//9:00 am//CLC



The class of 2021 and your family are invited to our Senior Sunday Celebration on May 2. We will begin with a breakfast at 9:00 am and then move into the Sanctuary for Senior Sunday Recognition in the 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service. *Please be sure to email michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org to reserve your family breakfast table no later than Sunday, April 25.* We are so thankful to have been a part

of your journey through middle and high school and we cannot wait to celebrate with you and your family!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Students don't miss this Sunday night @ 6-7:45 pm in the CLC Gym. Supper, Worship, games, friends and more! See you then! Please note we will not have youth on Sunday, April 4th.

JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday @ 7:30 pm // FUMC Campus

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesday @ 6:30-7:45 pm//10th-12th (Host Homes) & 7th-9th (CLC) Please note that we will not have C Groups on Wednesday, April 7th due to Spring Break.

PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth//Facebook: @fhsaltstudents//Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

H O W A R E W E S E R V I N G ?

PEREZ FAMILY UPDATE 3/25/21... PRAYERS NEEDED

As many of you know, we have been serving the Perez Family from Guatemala. Last week they traveled to Birmingham and their precious baby girl, Leslie was born at UAB. Leslie underwent heart surgery on Monday, March 22nd.

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that Leslie passed away later Monday night from complications from the heart surgery. Her parents and older siblings (ages 9 & 4) are heartbroken. A service is being held Friday, March 26th.

The Perez family is so grateful for the amazing support from the church prior to the birth of Leslie. Thank you to so many who so graciously provided support, gift card, gifts, etc. for this precious family. We have also given a contribution on behalf of the church, to help with funeral costs. Please keep this precious family in your thoughts & prayers. I am so grateful to this church family who continues to meet the needs of so many people.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Much love, Jennifer Myrick

CENTRAL ALABAMA TORNADO OUTREACH

We are working to identify needs from the devastating tornados that that impacted parts of Central Alabama. We have been in contact with people from the Perry/Hale County communities and parts of Birmingham. We will keep you posted on how we can serve those who have been impacted by these storms.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 2021

WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN,
FAIRHOPE PD, LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS & OTHER CHURCHES!
MORE DETAILS TO COME!



WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR LOCAL HOMEBOUND EACH WEEK! WE ARE PREPARING OVER 180 MEALS EACH WEEK! IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING MEALS, WE ALSO PROVIDE A "DRIVE THROUGH" OPTION FROM 11:30-12:30.