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OPENING SONG

You Never Let Go

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, in your goodness
you pour out on your people all that they need,
and satisfy those who persist in prayer.
Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving,
tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,
that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom
and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Our God
God of the Impossible*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

Faith (I Can Move Mountains)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:1-5, 11-12

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON

"Give us THIS Day"

Rev. Laura Parker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Jeff & Dena White

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PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major

Buxtehude

INTROIT

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!

The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God,

the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you.

One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones,

given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you,

and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children.

Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,

that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death

may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. Amen.

HYMN #322

Up From the Grave He Arose

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Georgie Frances Ellenburg

Daughter of John and Katie Ellenburg

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

In the Garden

(Hayes)

Tom Hood, soloist

DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37: 1-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-8

SERMON *"Jesus: Rose on the Third Day"* Rev. Ontonio Christie

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CLOSING HYMN #364 *Because He Lives*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Fugue* Buxtehude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents
and in celebration of the 36th wedding anniversary by Vicki and Perry Studstill.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Ontonio Christie, Dr. Darren McClellan, Emily Garner

11:00 Acolytes: Darby Butler, Savannah Grace Jones

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Choir

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PORK LOIN

BACON WRAPPED
GREEN BEANS

SQUASH
CASSEROLE

SOUR CREAM
MINI-MUFFINS

\$5 FOR ADULTS
\$4 FOR CHILDREN
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Caring Ministries...

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Support Group Meetings.....

Seeking Peace Grief Group meets every Monday at 3:00 pm in B114. This group offers hope and promise for the new days ahead as we validate the feelings one is experiencing.

SOS Survivors of Suicide meets **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month** and will be meeting on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. This group offers understanding and compassion for the survivors who struggle with moving forward with their lives. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for a Zoom invite.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and will meet Tuesday September 14 at 12:30 pm in the Church Library. Resources are available along with insights for persons facing a cancer journey. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for a Zoom invite.



KEEP THE SNACKS COMING!!!

**Our next snack delivery
will be September 15.**



Bread of Life Ministry....

Our Bread of Life Ministry team prepares casseroles to be sent to families in crisis situations. We have also provided these casseroles for our new moms and dads.



A Message from Jenna Hood, Director of Children's Ministries

Dear Church Family,

I want to let you know about some changes to our Wednesday night children's programs (Worship Word & Wonder). These changes are the result of low registration and lack of volunteer response for our younger-age programs. While we are still navigating the transition between Michelle Graham's retirement and my return from maternity leave, I feel the need to pause a bit and evaluate where we are and how best to move forward. Please review the important updates below! Online registration remains open for all these programs – the link is provided below! If you have an interest in serving in one of these programs, please contact me or Michelle at 928-1148. As always, you do not need to have a child in children's ministries to serve!

Children's Choir: K-6th grade

- * **will begin as planned this Wednesday, September 15** (4:15-5:00pm, Sanctuary)
- * pre-registration is greatly appreciated
- * Children will enjoy learning a wealth of worship music which will be sung in various Sunday services.

SWIFT: 5th & 6th grade

- * **will begin as planned this Wednesday, September 15** (6:00-7:30pm in CLC, 2nd floor, Attic)
- * pre-registration is greatly appreciated
- * Students will learn and know how it feels to own their faith. Each week they grapple with a specific question about faith, relationships and choices and search God's Word for answers. This group engages in large and small group discussions, mission projects, free-play in the gym and social get-togethers!

Pier: K-2nd grade

- * **DATE CHANGE - will begin Wednesday, October 13** (6:00-7:15pm in Ed Bldg, 2nd floor, children's hallway)
- * pre-registration is greatly appreciated
- * this program is in need of more adult volunteers!
- * Pier focuses on planting God's Word in participant's hearts and training them to become disciples that make a difference. Program activities include Bible stories, games, crafts and mission projects.

Pier34: 3rd & 4th grade

- * **DATE CHANGE - will begin Wednesday, October 13** (6:00-7:15pm in Ed Bldg, 1st floor, Wesley Hall)
- * pre-registration is greatly appreciated
- * we currently have no adult leaders for this group!
- * Students will become familiar with using their Deep Blue Kids Bibles and learn some basic principles of our faith: what is ... a Christian, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, Baptism and Communion. Students who do not already have a Deep Blue Kids Bible will be given one.

Click now to register ...

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

Blessings

Jenna Hood

jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org

Student Ministries...

Sunday Night Youth//6:30-8:00pm



7th-12th grade

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, dinner and so much more. We provide an opportunity for every student in grades 7-12 to worship together with one another and we give them space to build

relationships. We can't wait to see you there! There's no need to register and you can always bring a friend. We hope to see YOU this Sunday night! Parents, if you'd like to know more about what youth series we are studying. Simply download the PARENT CUE and read the email updates that are sent out at the beginning of every new series. We provide discussion starters and new ideas on how to continue the conversation and growth at home.



Wednesday Nights//6:30-7:45pm

(Registration Open)

7th-12th grade

Community Groups are for students in grades 7-12. We provide an opportunity for every person committed to attending C-Groups to grow deeper in their faith with a community of believers their own age to support & pray with them. Every C-Group will have 2 adult leaders committed to walking their faith journey with them. Our C-Groups launch on Wednesday, September 1st @ 6:30-7:45pm. The 10-12 grade C-Groups will

meet off campus every Wednesday in a host home with their adult small group leaders. The 7-9 grade C-Groups will meet on-campus upstairs in the CLC. Sign-up is now open for the 2021-22 school year.



A 6-Week Study on Worry & Anxiety for 7th Grade Teen Girls+ Mother

Led by:

Robyn Koser, LPC

Lynette Mattina, Integrative Coaching, Movement & Yoga

Rachael Waldhour, Director of Student Ministry

Study Overview

This fall we will host a 6-week pilot class on Worry & Anxiety for both 7th Grade girls and their respective moms. Each week the class will include a session for both moms and daughters separately on Yoga & Mindful movement then a follow-up discussion on a book written by Sissy Goff. The teen girls will use the book "Brave" and moms will use "Raising Worry Free Girls." **We will begin on Sunday, September 12 and end October 24 and each week the class meets 3:00-5:00 pm.** The cost is \$50 per person which covers a weekly yoga & movement class led by Lynette Mattina. The books for both mom and daughter are available on Amazon.

How to Register

Registration for this course is now open. We have a limited space in our pilot class. We only have space for 10 (7th grade girls and their moms) in our first class. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that you are in the class or a notification that you have been placed on the waitlist. We realize that a class like this one is unique and identifies a real need in our community. Therefore, we will be offering this class another time during the year. We completely understand that it could be an incredibly useful tool for teen girls of all ages and we are looking for ways to offer it to that group as well.



The new school year is ahead and it's time to get plugged-in! Parents, did you know that you and your students can stay connected and hear about ALL the activities in student ministry as they're first announced? If you are on social media, follow us:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

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

SAVE THE DATE:

DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2022

FEB 11-13, 2022

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual retreat designed for Middle School students held on our church campus and led by High School students and Adult Mentors. Registration for 7th-8th grade participants & 9th-12th grade High School leadership will open on October 1! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help in an adult leadership role, please contact our DW Directors, Larry or Megan Smith.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Sunday, Sept 12 @ 9:45 am

CLC/Upstairs Loft

Parents, please join us for an information meeting on all upcoming events and activities in student ministry. Come hear about the different areas we need your help in ministry and how you can get plugged-in! Want to know more about what we do in our different programs? Make plans to join us for this 45 minute meeting next Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 am in the upstairs loft area of the CLC.

SERVE HURRICANE IDA

HOW CAN YOU HELP? PRAY

Please continue to pray for the emergency responders & those impacted by Hurricane Ida. We continue to be in contact with our friends in LA who are organizing the response efforts.

SERVE

Fairhope UMC is coordinating efforts at the District and Conference levels. Currently, we are being asked to Serve by providing specific items that are being requested by those on the ground in Louisiana. We have a cook team that is deploying today-Friday, September 10th. The team will be providing a meal to the Linemen serving the Tangipahoa Parish/Husser community.

GIVE

Donations are being received to help with our response efforts. Support is needed for cleaning buckets, supplies, water & food.*Water continues to be a huge need. Thursday we received 18 palettes of water. We are accepting donations to help cover the cost of the water. Donations can be made online or given to the church office, Fairhope UMC- Disaster Response.

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Items currently needed:

- Tarps
- Cleaning Buckets- Buckets can be picked up at the church. (List Provided)
- Can openers
- Batteries (All Sizes)
- Dust Pans
- Trash Bags
- Scoop shovels
- Extension Cords
- Deck Screws 2" & 3"
- Cap nails

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