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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Festivity on "Holy Manna"

(Douglas E. Wagner)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is faithful.

**God's steadfast love and faithfulness
keep us safe forever.**

God is faithful.

The Holy One of Israel has chosen you.

God is faithful.

**By God, you were called into fellowship
with our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

God is faithful.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints,
but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;
you call us to be your servants,
but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work;
you put a new song of praise in our mouths,
but we stumble on unfamiliar words;
you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant,
insisting we have more important things to do.
Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,
and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you.
Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending,
and grace-filled love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth
loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless.
Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.
Enter into the light!

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Just As I Am

(Barton)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

PSALTER #774

Psalm 40:1-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION #172

My Jesus, I Love Thee

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

SERMON

"A Word For The Waiting Room"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

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but your message did not end with them.

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with your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Postlude

(Douglas E. Wagner)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Gene Lammers

Acolyte: Adelaide Robertson (8:30) **Music:** Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, John McClellan, Wright Tapscott

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**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
AT FAIRHOPE UMC**
JANUARY 18TH/5:00PM-6:00PM



MENU

- DIRTY RICE STUFFED BELL PEPPER
- BROCCOLI BAKE
- DINNER ROLL
- CAKE

\$5 FOR ADULTS
\$4 FOR CHILDREN
MAX \$20 PER FAMILY

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GO ONLINE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
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CHALLENGE**


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OPENING SONG

House of the Lord

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**God has called each of us
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let us shine God's love into all the world!

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

Soul On Fire

Build Your Kingdom Here

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GOSPEL LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-19

SERMON

“Being the Church”

A Conversation with Rev. Laura Parker and Jennifer Myrick, Director of Missions

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Emma Claire Furlong, Edmond Furlong

Communion Servers: Ann Pearson, Charles Scarce, Shelly and Rick Fitzhugh,
Amanda and Trey Canida, Deb and Tom Slone

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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