



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fairhope United Methodist Church
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laura Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

HYMN ~ *How Great Thou Art* #77

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.[Refrain]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"[Refrain]

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let us Break Bread Together

Tom & Jenna Hood

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Ontonio Christie

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those who surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Exodus 20:1-21

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 22:14-18

SERMON

"From Now On"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Refer to Worship Handout)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Ontonio Christie

CLOSING HYMN ~ *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #614

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Traditional Worship Today:
Dr. Darren McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker
Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Kaitlyn Hunter

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathies:

Harvey and Cathy McCulloch in the death of his mother, and Mary Catherine, Randy, Emmie and Hayley Crocker in the death of her grandmother, Nellie McCulloch. Carol Thompson in the death of her husband, Ken Thompson.

Celebrations:

Matt and Carol Pierce on the birth of a son, Baker Portman. His big brother is Miles.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received September 27 – \$32,109

(Online - \$9,790 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$22,319)

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

A note from Rev. Laura:

Monday morning devotionals 9:30am THIS Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

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

For information on how to get started on

Zoom, [click here](#).



Sunday Vespers Service

Join us on October 11th at 6pm in the sanctuary for a Vespers Service offering prayer, song, and scripture. Plans are to have this take place regularly on the second Sunday of each month.

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

FAIRHOPE UMC
OUTDOOR
BLOCK
PARTY!



BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIRS

OCT **7** **5PM**
- 7PM

GRAVEL PARKING AREA
@ FAIRHOPE UMC



PORTERHOUSE BBQ FOOD TRUCK
ENTERTAINMENT BY
"YEAH PROBABLY" & FUN FOR ALL!

* Food provided for, donations accepted



OCT. 5, 2020

CLC REOPENS!

A Soft Reopening for Members and Guests

From 7am – 5pm, the facility will open the following spaces for groups and or individuals:

- Upstairs Track for walkers.
- Gym for FIT exercise program, Pickleball and morning basketball group.
- Fellowship Hall for group meetings.



The following areas will remain closed in October:

- Parlor
- Fitness Room
- All upstairs Classrooms
- All upstairs Lofts
- The Attic
- The Nursery (with the exception of Tina's programming)

Operating Hours

Mon – Fri

7am – 5pm

**Face mask
required to enter
the building.**

**Face masks and
social distancing will
be required for all
meetings within the
Fellowship Hall as
well as times
“between exercise”
in the Gym and on
the Walking Track.**

Any groups that desire to use the CLC for gatherings/meetings, please contact Michael Spicer at michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org.

Caring Ministries...

Stephen Ministers continue to meet twice a month on Zoom and Monday Oct. 5 at 6:00pm is the next meeting. Continue to pray for the ministry of care they provide.

Caregiver's Support Group is meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9:30am on Zoom. If you would like to participate in the meeting, contact ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org to receive the zoom link.

Prayer Ministry Teams continue to lift the needs of our families, community and nation on a daily basis. If you would like to be a part of the prayer teams please contact Ann at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground outside your Father's care. And
even the very hairs of your head are all
numbered. So don't be afraid; you are
worth more than many sparrows.*

Matthew 10:29-31

Children's Ministries...

NURSERY OPEN DURING WORSHIP!

Remember, our nursery is now open on Sundays during all three worship services. **Numbers are limited and reservations are required.** Each service will allow 5 children ages 3-17 months and 8 children 18 months-4 years. To ensure your spot, register early! Registration for next Sunday, October 11th will open at 4:00pm today on church website.

OUTDOOR BLOCK PARTY - 10/7!

I think we can all agree that we have a deep desire to reconnect with our church family! Let's be intentional to do just that this Wednesday from 5-7pm! Reach out to members of your Sunday School class or other groups and encourage them to join you! Gather your family and your lawn chairs and head to church for good food, good music and good company! Get the details in this bulletin!

IN-PERSON SWIFT!

Our 5th & 6th graders met in-person last Wednesday and it was awesome! We will not meet this Wednesday, October 7 due to the Block Party. Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday, October 14th

6:30-7:45pm

Wesley Hall (Education Bldg)

Student Ministry...

A Word of Gratitude to our Students

Many Thank Yous to my "Clean Up Warriors" for waging war on my yard. It looks wonderful! Your willingness to give up your time off to help others sows that your true Christian Spirit is strong. I pray that all of you - youth and leaders - will receive great blessings as I was blessed by you.

Gratefully - Judy DeWitt

The **Senior High Girls Virtual Bible Study** will meet on Sunday's @ 8:00 pm this group is open to all 9-12th grade girls interested! Please email Rachael Waldhour to join the group!

Rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Senior High Girls (Virtual) Bible Study @ 8:00 pm (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Student Ministry Program & C-Groups @ 6:00-7:45 pm (CLC) o

(*All 7th-12th Graders)

ARE YOU 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, GROUPE 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 SALLY RESPONSE

WE ARE PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY HURRICANE SALLY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

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

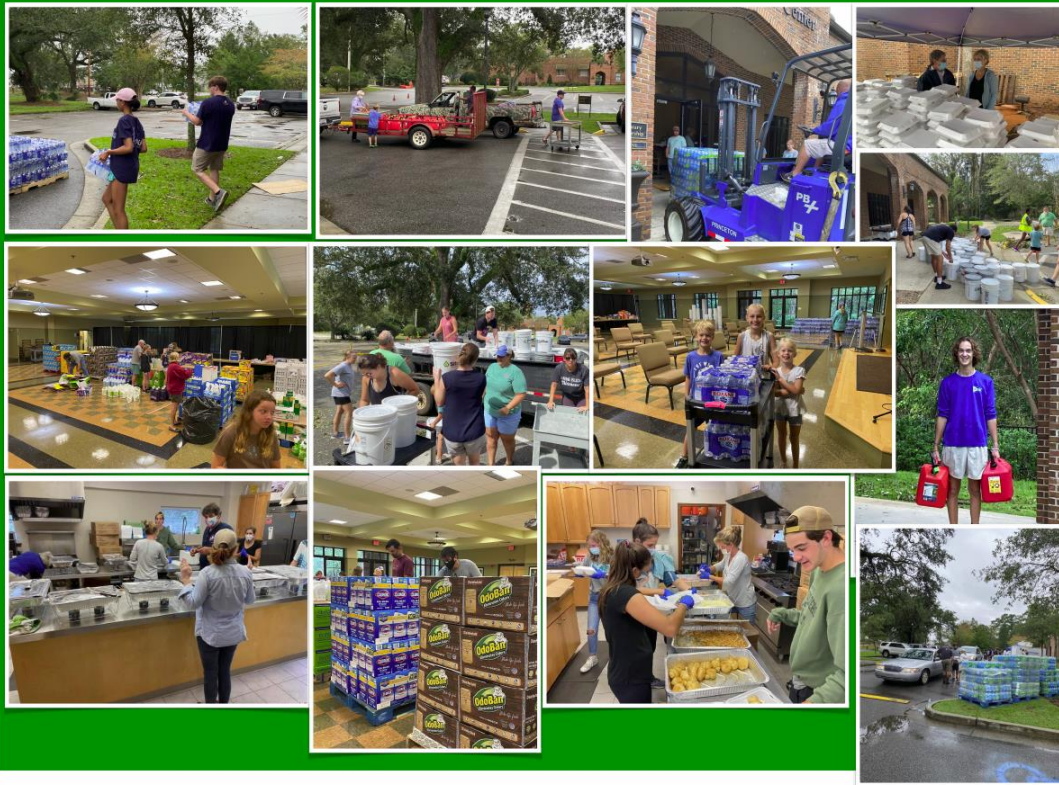
DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN TO FAIRHOPE UMC MARKED "DISASTER RESPONSE" OR YOU MAY GIVE DIRECTLY TO UMCOR.

S E R V E

WE ARE CONTINUING TO ASSESS & SEND VOLUNTEERS OUT TO SERVE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING VISIT WWW.FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

THANK YOU

FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY& BEYOND



TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR OVER TWO WEEKS NOW, WE HAVE BEEN A RECEIVING & DISTRIBUTING SITE FOR THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO WORK ALONGSIDE VARIOUS PARTNERS PROVIDING & MEETING MANY EMERGENCY NEEDS POST STORM. WE WERE GRATEFUL TO WORK ALONGSIDE MANY BUSINESSES WHO DONATED ICE, WATER, CLEANING SUPPLIES, FOOD, GAS, TARP & MANY OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PARTNER WITH OTHER METHODIST DISTRICT & CONFERENCE CHURCHES, THE BALDWIN COUNTY ROAD, RED CROSS & MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE IN PRAYER FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE SALLY.