



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major

(G.F. Handel)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you called us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness
In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.
In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!
In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

HYMN # 110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

OPENING PRAYER

God of All Seasons, we come to You in this turning of the season, experiencing Your beauty in creation at work all around us. Remind us that we, too, are still works in progress. You are continuing to help us be shaped into the people You have called us to be. We still have much to learn and grow, no matter our age on earth. As the season turns, may we see a new point of view, experience a new way of living, and know that only Your love is steadfast and unchanging in our turning world. In the name of Jesus, who fulfills the promise of love that succeeds death, we pray all things. Amen.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 1

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Savior and My God
Jenna Hood, soloist

(Althouse)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

SERMON

"Well Done, Moses"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN # 707

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fughetta

(G.F. Handel)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our Pastors, and my son,
Pastor Paul Sagan (PCA Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas), by Peggy Sagan.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson

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

In-Person Worship Reservations will open today at 4pm! We are asking those wishing to join us to use the reservation system we have in place to ensure that we keep the attendance to a size that enables a 6 foot physical distance between families. For anyone not able to attend the worship service we will continue to share online through Facebook, YouTube & our website.

PLEASE NOTE - UPDATED WORSHIP TIMES:

8:30am Traditional (Sanctuary)

11:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)

11:00am *The Gathering* (CLC GYM)

Make your reservations at

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

Happenings Next Sunday ~ November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.

All Saint's Day

We will be remembering our members who have died this past year and their families as we honor them in our morning worship services.





Sunday Vespers Service ~ November 8

Join us 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.

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Celebration:

Mackenzie and Chase Chandler on the birth of a daughter, **Etta Mastin Chandler**, born October 1, 2020. Her big brother is **Knox**, grandparents are **Terri and Will Carlton** and great Grandfather is **Will Carlton**.

Sympathies:

Judy Darnell in the loss of her husband, **Dave Darnell**.

Don and Shelia Ward in the death of his mother, **Arden Ward**.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received October 18 - \$51,390

(Online - \$41,250 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$10,140)

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





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 9:30am THIS Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

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

For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).

News About In-Person Sunday School:

March 8th seems like a long time ago, and for most Sunday school classes, that was the last time you sat in a room together. Beginning Sunday, November 1st, we are giving Sunday school classes the opportunity to begin meeting again weekly in their classrooms with precautions. In support of this, here are some things you need to know:

- Beginning November 1st, our Sunday worship will return to our regular schedule with 8:30 and 11:00 traditional sanctuary services and an 11:00 Gathering contemporary service.
- The Sunday school hour will again be from 9:45-10:40.
- Reservations will still be required for worship, but not for Sunday school.
- Children's and Youth Sunday school will begin meeting weekly on November 1st. Michelle Graham and Rachael Waldhour will be communicating more about these classes.

Leaders of each Sunday school class are now communicating with their members to determine what is best for their class, whether or not they will meet in-person and under what parameters. If you are on a class roll and regularly receive communication from a Sunday school class, you will be hearing from your leaders with more information about your class. The week of October 25th, I will be communicating to the church by E-List with all the information I have about which classes are ready to begin meeting in November and which will not.

Although we are excited about this move forward with in-person Christian community, we want to do so with great care for the health and wellbeing of all our members. Please pray for these decisions that are being made and do all you can to be a part of creating and maintaining a safe campus for ALL our members.

Thank you!

Rev. Laura Parker,
Minister of Discipleship

Caring Ministries...

Blood Drive today in the front driveway of the church.

The month of November is dedicated to "Thankfulness" and we would like to give thanks for our many blessings. Caring Ministries is preparing fruit baskets to distribute in our community and we are asking our members to bring bags of fruit to the church on Sunday, November 8, by driving through the front driveway between 12:00 – 1:30. If you want to drop off on Sunday morning there will be carts outside of Wesley Hall. The fruit baskets will be assembled following the drive through drop off. Distribution will be on Monday, Nov. 9 between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00. If you would like to help with making the baskets on Sunday, be a driver on Monday for distribution or have a person you would like to receive a basket please contact Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or by calling the church office.

Lord's Pantry... Many thanks for the amazing support of restocking our Lord's Pantry. We are making headway but please continue to bring those canned goods and non-perishable items. We want a full pantry to meet the needs of the season. See website for list, www.fairhopeumc.org You can drop off food in the elevator lobby of the Education Building between 9-1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9-5 on Wednesdays. If you need help to bring in from your car just let us know.

Children's Ministries...

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NOVEMBER 1st

We are so excited to get the children back in Sunday School! It's a little later than usual, but next Sunday is Promotion Sunday! PreK3 (*birthday before 9/1/20*) - 6th grade will make the official move to their new classrooms! Reservations are not required to attend. Masks, however, are to be worn by teachers and students in our K-6th grade classes. All classes meet from 9:45-10:40am. For locations, go to the church website.

NURSERY RESERVATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED!

Beginning next Sunday, November 1st, nursery reservations are no longer needed. Children ages 3 months-PreK4 can stay in the nursery during our 3 worship services and Sunday School.

PIER & PIER34: LET'S GET TOGETHER!

It's been a long time since these groups have been together! And though it will be a bit different, we are super excited to see the kids! To begin, we will meet on three Sundays (not Wednesdays) – November 1st, 8th and 15th from 4:00-5:30pm in Wesley Hall (Education Bldg). Our time together will include worship, devotions, prayer and games. For some activities, everyone will be together but for others, we will split by age groups. Pier is for K-2nd grade (note this is a change) and Pier34 is for 3rd&4th grades. Masks are to be worn by all children and adult volunteers. Parents of K-4th graders will

receive an email with more details. We will evaluate our time together in November and decide how to proceed in the new year.

SWIFT!

5th & 6th graders will not meet this Wednesday. Families are invited to the Block Party/Trunk or Treat from 5-7pm. Check out the information about this event! SWIFT will resume our regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4th from 6:30-7:45pm.

JESSE TREE ORNAMENT SWAP!

Join us for our 7th year of doing this ornament swap! The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition named after Jesse, the father of King David. Biblical symbols representing the ancestry of Jesus, either in bloodline or faith, are added one by one to a tree. For each ornament, there is a scripture reading, devotion and prayer that help explain the symbol. There is an ornament for each day beginning December 1 and ending on Christmas day. Online registration is now open – go to church website and click on Ministries/Children/Jesse Tree. You'll find information about the Jesse Tree, guidelines for the swap, important dates and the 25 Bible stories and symbols!



UPWARD BASKETBALL FOR YOUTH

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SIGN UP NOW!

Online registration for the 2020-21 Upward Basketball season is underway!

Go to <https://registration.upward.org/UPW71239> or www.fairhopeumc.org to register today!

Open to boys and girls, K4-4th graders. Cost is \$80. Practices begin on Dec. 7 and games begin on Jan. 8, 2021.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER HOURS

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our CLC will have limited hours and availability.

Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm

OPEN AREAS:

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

REMAINS CLOSED:

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

Please note:

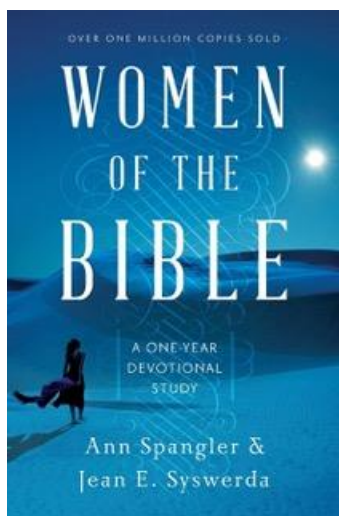
Face mask are expected when entering the building.

Face masks and social distancing will be expected and encouraged for all meetings within the Fellowship Hall as well as times "between exercise" in the Gym and on the Walking Track.

STUDENT MINISTRY THIS SUNDAY!



Join the youth group this Sunday night 6:00-7:45 pm at the CLC for game night with the best! The Youth Leadership Team will lead the games. We will compete in C-Groups and the highest scoring group gets the prize! See ya then!



JUNIOR & SENIOR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 27

@ 7:30 pm//FUMC Campus

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night in-person Bible study each week on Women of the Bible. If you are interested, please [email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for more details.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 28 @ 4:45-7:00 pm (*All 7th-12th C-Groups)

Our C-Groups will be participating in the annual Trunk Or Treat in the church parking lot that begins at 5:00 pm this Wednesday night. Please contact your C-Group leader for more details regarding your trunk, costumes, etc. We will not have our regular C-Group activities this week.

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, GROUPME for every grade and through our email reminders!

Want to get plugged in???

Follow SALTSTUDENTS:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

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

Send a quick note to michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org to be added to our email list or to Groupme for C-Group reminders!

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 HOMEBOUND MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB.

HURRICANE SALLY UPDATE



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY! IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP ASSESS OR SERVE WITH CLEAN UP, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG



WE CONTINUE TO HOST VOLUNTEER TEAMS FROM OTHER CONFERENCES. WE'VE HOSTED 2 TEAMS FROM OHIO AND 1 TEAM FROM THE NORTH GA CONFERENCE. WE ARE CURRENTLY HOSTING A TEAM FROM NORTHSIDE UMC OUT OF ATLANTA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM WELCOMING THESE WORK TEAMS, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



Foster Care Outreach:

We are currently working with three foster care families. We received a request from DHR asking for us to help provide the resources so the 4 little girls could have a safe outlet. All 4 girls are in dance or cheer. Our commitment is to help sponsor the girls for current dance/cheer season. This is our second year to provide support for 3 of girls. If you are interested in supporting this outreach, please let me know. We work regularly throughout the year supporting the needs of DHR & CareHouse.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SERVE
EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!