



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving;

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God;

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee;

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God;

And we are the people of your pasture, and the sheep of your hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,

From Your rich and endless store,

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,

Costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by You, we turn to You,

Offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever,

Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

(8:30) BAPTISM

William Stringer Knight
Son of Jeremy and Kristan Knight

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Balm in Gilead

Dr. Michael Brown

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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God of extravagant grace,
may your Spirit refresh our hearts
through the reading of the scriptures
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Deuteronomy 8:7-18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON

"Entrusted"

Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let it Be #399

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie,

Music: Tom Hood, Jenna Hood, John Richardson, Dr. Michael Brown

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Robert Hammon

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
an in loving memory of my parents, Herman and Rebecca Howard.
They were married November 12, 1943 at Broadstreet Methodist Church in Mobile, AL.
My daddy and I shared a birthday, October 17.
by Dianna Howard-Lambert*



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

Be sure to scroll all the way down, there are LOTS of announcements!

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Celebrations:

Marti & Jim Leftwich on the birth of a son, William Lofton Leftwich, born October 13. Proud big sisters are Lena and June.

Sympathies:

Family and friends of June Enfinger.

Betty Murchison and family in the loss of her husband, Randy Murchison.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received October 11 – \$51,033

(Online - \$10,793 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$40,240)

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:

We will NOT be “Zooming” Monday, October 19th, but will resume on Monday, October 26th at the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>

Hope to see you then!

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...

Life South Blood Drive is coming Sunday, Oct. 25 from 9:00 - 1:00 to the parking lot in front of the church. Let's set some new records of donations.



Come and Give so we can make a life changing difference.

Our Lord's Pantry Cupboard is Bare! We need your help to restock with more can goods and non-perishable items. Our demand is increasing each day and this is a time we can all take part in serving our community.

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



All Saint's Sunday Nov. 1. We will be honoring our members who have died over this past year during the morning worship services. Please be in prayer for the families as they reflect on their loved ones lives and continue in their new journey.



Children's Ministries...

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NOVEMBER 1ST (9:45-10:40am)!

Although it's MUCH later than usual, we will make November 1st our Promotion Sunday. Children will make the official move up to their new grade level classroom. Reservations not required to attend. Teachers and children ages K-6th grade will wear masks and we will social distance to the best of our ability. If you are interested in serving as a teacher one Sunday a month, please contact Michelle Graham at michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org or 251/377-2325. Information on adult Sunday School is included in this bulletin.

NURSERY OPEN DURING WORSHIP!

Remember, our nursery is 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 25th will open at 4:00pm today on church website.

NOTE: Beginning November 1st, reservations for nursery will no longer be required.

SWIFT (5th & 6th GRADERS)

Wednesday, October 21st

6:30-7:45pm

Wesley Hall (Education Bldg)

CHECK IT OUT!

Be sure to look in the bulletin for info on our Block Party/Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 28th from 5-7pm.

Student Ministry Updates...



STUDENT MINISTRY PROGRAM & C-GROUPS

Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30-7:45 pm

Sunday, October 25 @ 8:00 pm

(*All 7th-12th Graders)

SENIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 13 @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 25 @ 8:00 pm

(Text or email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org for more details!)

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

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"

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.



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 HOME BOUND 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 WILL HOST ANOTHER TEAM OCT 22ND-25TH. 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!