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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(arr. Lamb)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
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Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #351

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

A WORD OF WITNESS (8:30)

Mr. Mike Lockwood

OFFERING

At the Cross

(arr. Barry)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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PSALTER #814

Psalms 95

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Waltz

(Mazzatenta)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-24

SERMON

"Getting To The Bottom Of Things"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #337

Only Trust Him

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

He Leadeth Me

(arr. Martin)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Senior Pastor, Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Liturgist, Steve Pearson

Acolytes: (8:30): Cate Richardson

Acolytes: (11:00) Savannah Grace Jones, Brooks Goldman

Crucifer: (11:00) Gaines Goldman

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott



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John 4:4-26, 39-42

SERMON

"The Woman Who Left Her Water at the Well"

Rev. Laura L. Parker

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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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

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