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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

(arr. Fedak)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.

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God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love,

and leads us to the place that Christ has prepared for us.

Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you.

We believe! God help our unbelief!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image,
we are grateful for all that you have done for us,
for all that you are doing in us,
and for all that you will do through us.

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and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others.

We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #451

Be Thou My Vision

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Father, Forgive Them

(Choplin)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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PSALTER #754

Psalms 23

HYMN OF PREPARATION #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:13-41

SERMON

"One or Two?"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #378

Amazing Grace

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(arr. Fedak)

✠ Stand as able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the life of JoAnn Brantley Mullins by her children.

VISITING WITH US TODAY?

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Senior Pastor, Dr. Darren M. McClellan ~ Liturgist, Katie Turner

Acolytes: (8:30) Anne Frances Bobo, Cate Richardson Acolyte: (11:00) Evan Jones

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

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

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

Good God Almighty

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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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