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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023 ~ 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Fanfare on Nicaea*

(Shepperd)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE (see insert)      *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING      *He Is Not Here*      (Nagy)

✠DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit  
roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON      Colossians 3:1-4

HYMN OF PREPARATION (see insert)      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

GOSPEL LESSON      Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON      "Good News For Those On Guard"      Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#13*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN (see insert)      *The Day of Resurrection*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE      *Prelude in C Major*      (J.S. Bach)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Liturgists: 8:00 Rev. Laura Parker ~ 9:30 Dr. Ann Pearson ~ 11:00 Rev. Tom East

Acolytes: 8:00 Cate Richardson 9:30 Brooks Goldman, Gaines Goldman

11:00 Emma Clare Furlong, Evan Jones

Crucifer: 9:30 Darby Butler

Communion Servers: 8:00 Kim & John Estes, Adelia & Mark Phillips

9:30 Emily Garner, Kyle Henderson, Katherine & Matt Goldman

11:00 Wells Hammock, Steve Pearson, Nancy & Bob Walsh

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson

Easter Brass: Susan Unger, Bob Whitfield, Anthony Young

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

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Come as You Are"

Rev. Laura Parker

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Come as You Are*

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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

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Commission, Alivia Dowden

## SENDING FORTH

## CLOSING SONG

*God's Not Dead*

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Caroline Turner, Anne Pavey Grant

Communion Servers:

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