

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Jody Mullins by
Linda B. Ellis, Patrick McKibbon and Brett's children.

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Military Service Men and Women

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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Partita on "Jesus Shall Reign"

(Craig Penfield)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE #445

Happy the Home When God Is There

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Rutter)

✠ DOXOLOGY

11:00 CHILDREN'S TIME

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PSALTER #790

Psalm 66:8-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION #328 Surely the Presence of the Lord

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31

SERMON

"What Do You Say to Athens?"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For All Who Labor Without End

1. For all who labor without end, hear our prayer, O God.

For all who, lonely seek a friend, hear our prayer, O God.

2. For all who grieve and all who fear, hear our prayer, O God.

For all who wait as death draws near, hear our prayer, O God.

Holy Healer, your people call your name. Send your spirit. Hear our prayer.

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3. For all who search for righteousness, hear our prayer, O God.

And live the faith that they confess, hear our prayer, O God.

4. For those with whom our lives are bound, hear our prayer, O God.

And those we name in silence sound, (*here we shall pause to give voice our prayer requests*)

... hear our prayer, O God.

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5. That peace may come in our own day, hear our prayer, O God.

That your blest word may light our way, hear our prayer, O God.

6. Your name be hallowed far and wide, hear our prayer, O God.

Your reign of justice long abide, hear our prayer, O God.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #660

God Is Here (verses 1, 4)

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Lauren, Landry, Pearson & Bennett Kirk; Kristy, Thomas & Parker Eubanks

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Taccata on "O Worship the King"

(Craig Penfield)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today:
Dr. Darren M. McClellan; Liturgist, Gene Lammers
Acolyte: 8:30 Darby Butler
Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir
Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Wright Tapscott, John McClellan

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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

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CLOSING SONG

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