

# Fairhope United Methodist Church

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Toccata in E Minor*

(Johann Pachelbel)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

11:00 BAPTISM

Isabelle Darrington McInnis  
Daughter of Bailey and Harrison McInnis

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Spirit, Come Down*

(Hayes)

✠DOXOLOGY

11:00 CHILDREN'S TIME

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A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY ~ Response: **We lift up thankful hearts.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #654 *How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

"When God Speaks for Us"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#15*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #420

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

11:00 RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Melinda and T.J. Murphy, Marilyn and Rick Stephens

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Chaconne*

(Francois Couperin)

✠ Stand as able

**Assisting in Worship Today:** Dr. Darren M. McClellan **Liturgist:** Rev. Tom East

**Acolytes:** 8:30 Katie Gunn, Cate Richardson | 11:00 Ellie Strunk

**Communion Servers:** 8:30 Jeannie & Vernon Colbert, Adelia & Mark Phillips

11:00 Katie & Hackett Robertson

**Music:** Tom Hood, Minister of Music; John Richardson, Organist; Chancel Choir

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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~A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE

Father, today we pause to reflect on the sacrifice made by those who paid the ultimate price on behalf of our nation. We pray that their sacrifices are never forgotten, nor is the pain of their families.

We acknowledge that freedom comes at a cost and pray that we can pursue peace. We hope that, someday, we will celebrate Memorial Day as just a memory of the time before we started living the peaceful existence You intended for us since the beginning of creation.

In this time in-between, let us turn to You, Lord, in our grief and in our remembrance of the fallen. We honor those who were willing to give up their lives that we may gather here freely today. Let us never take for granted the many freedoms they have secured for our benefit. We pray your protection for those who serve now, those who will serve in the future, and the families and friends they represent.

On this Memorial Day, we pray for peace in a world where peace seems to be elusive. But let us claim the power of a God through whom all things are possible. May we listen for Your guidance so we can be Your instruments for a peaceful world so that we will "study war no more." In the time until that glorious day, we honor the memories of those who have given their all. Amen.

***Please depart quietly and reverently today in a spirit of prayer.***

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