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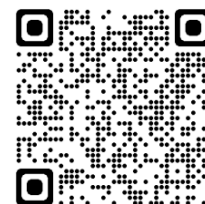
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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 21, 2024 ~ 8:30 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Prelude on Psalm 8: "When I Consider the Heavens"*

Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #261

*Lord of the Dance*

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Like the First Bird*

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✠DOXOLOGY

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PSALTER (8:30) #787

Psalm 62:5-12

HYMN OF PREPARATION #277

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

"What's the Plan?"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *UMH* #13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Psalm 136: "A Litany of Joy"*

Alfred V. Fedak

✠ Stand as able

### Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker, **Liturgist:** Cathi Parish (8:30) Dr. Ann Pearson (11:00)

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Savannah Bell, Anne Frances Bobo

**Communion Servers:** (8:30) Cathi Parish, Betty Stejskal, Norma and Bud Walden  
(11:00) Kimberly McKeough, Katie Robertson, Hackett Robertson, Carol Willis

**Music:** John Richardson, Chancel Choir

**Media and Sound:** John McClellan, Colin Richardson

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Shea White, Praise

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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.*

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## SENDING FORTH

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