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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 ~ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Softly and Tenderly*

(arr. Dan Forrest)

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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**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #159

*Lift High the Cross*

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*When Jesus Wept*  
Richard Coarsey (oboe)

(Billings/Schram)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

Jenna Hood

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PSALTER (8:30) #752

Psalms 22:25-31

HYMN OF PREPARATION #451

*Be Thou My Vision*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

"The Stuff We Carry"

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

COMMUNION RESPONSE

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
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CLOSING HYMN

*Living for Jesus*

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do,  
yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,  
such love constrains me to answer his call, follow his leading and give him my all.

Living for Jesus where ever I am, doing each duty in his holy name,  
willing to suffer affliction or loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while, my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,  
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in him.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

(arr. Dan Forrest)

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker, Liturgist: Cathi Parish

Acolytes: (8:30) Anne Frances Bobo (11:00) Jack Waldhour, Nate Waldhour

Communion Servers: (8:30) Mary Finger, Emily Garner, Rosie and Mike Lockwood  
(11:00) Kimberly McKeough, Adelia and Mark Philips, Carol Willis

Music Team: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Wright Tapscott, Toby Monckton

Ushers: (8:30) Penn White, Mark Woodrow (11:00) Jackie Upton, Mark Woodrow

First time worshipping with us today?  
We want to know! Scan this QR Code:



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### Worship Volunteers Needed:

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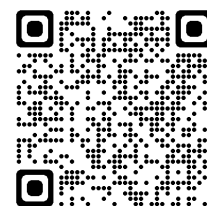
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### Invitation to Join the Church

Present this to the pastor during the last song.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Joining by Transfer of Church Membership

Transferring from: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Joining by Profession of Faith (have not previously been baptized or a member of a church).

\_\_\_\_\_ Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith (have been baptized but not sure last church where membership was held).

If you are not yet ready to join but would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend our *next Coffee with the Pastors, March 10 @ 9:45 AM in the Conference Room, adjacent to the sanctuary*. Enter through the door under the bell tower or by the steps behind the sanctuary facing the parking lot. Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.



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OPENING SONG

*Less Like Me*

Shea White, Praise Team

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*I Will Follow*

*Do Something*

*Lead Me to the Cross*

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"And Now...A Preview of Coming Attractions"

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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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