



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Rondo Giocoso

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 5:11-13

I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around God's throne,
singing:

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and
honor and glory and blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory
and might forever and ever!**

✠ HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

BAPTISM 8:30AM — WILLIAM BAKER COX

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED (11AM)

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS 11:00AM

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

COURTNEY

✠ DOXOLOGY

*Children 4 years old and up can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up
immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.*

HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit give us eyes to see and ears to hear that
in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Revelation 5:1-10*

SERMON *Lion Vs. Lamb-man*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN *Take My Life, And Let It Be*

UMH 399

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Savannah Grace Jones

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Festive Trumpet Tune*

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Emily Garner

Tom Hood

Lucy Sowell

Thomas Yow

11:00

Michelle & Bruce Graham

Helen & Bennie Ingram

ACOLYTE:

8:30

Juliette Jones

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Dr. Ann Pearson

GREETER:

Ruth Rogers (8:30am)

USHER:

Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richarson
Toby Monckton

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Natalie & Mark Woodrow for their devotion to our church from the congregation.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Senior Breakfast
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Traditional Worship, Senior Sunday
11:00am The Gathering Worship
4:00pm Confirmation Service

MONDAY, MAY 5

10-11:30am April/May Birthday Celebration
10:00am Knit and Crochet
3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:30am Caregivers Support Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry
1:30pm Weekly Bible Study
5-6:00pm Wednesday Supper
6-7:30pm Pier Kids (K-4th)
6-7:30pm SWIFT (5th-6th)
6-7:45pm SALT Student Ministry
6:00pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY, May 8

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAY, May 9

11am-1:00pm Community Café

SUNDAY, May 11

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Traditional Worship
11:00am The Gathering Worship
6:00pm Be Still & Know Prayer Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Celebrating our Graduating Seniors and Confirmands

Today is a day of celebration within our worshipping community as we recognize two spiritual milestones. In our 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, we recognize and honor our graduating seniors, celebrating their time in Youth Ministry and praying for their journeys ahead. Later today, we hope you will gather with us at 4:00 pm for a Service of Confirmation, where our 7th graders will affirm their faith and officially become members of the United Methodist Church. Please offer your encouragement, support and prayers for these important moments in the life of our church family!

May 7th Wednesday Supper

Pork Tamales, Black Beans, Mexican Rice & Lemon Bars
Please call the church office or go online to make reservations.

Be Still and Know Prayer Service | May 11th 6:00pm

We will be gathering in the Sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 11th for a time of prayer and reflection. As music plays, a guided meditation will be provided with scripture and prayers to shape your time of personal meditation. Come to this 30-minute time of renewal and refreshment for your spirit.

Support VBS Through Our Amazon Wishlist!

Vacation Bible School is one of our most impactful outreach events of the year, and you can help make it a success! By purchasing items from our Amazon Wishlist, you're directly supporting our children's ministry while helping us steward our resources wisely. Your generosity—and your prayers—mean so much as we prepare for this exciting week of ministry.

Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or visit linktree.com/fairhopeumc to view the wishlist. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through VBS!

Words of Commendation and Welcome:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Jim Ellis, Gail Philips, Katie Turner

Monthly Finance Report: After all giving and expenses were reconciled for February, we improved on our January shortfall and reduced our year-to-date deficit by half. For the year, our giving is now \$16,000 behind what we need to make our budget by the year's end.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend our next **Coffee with the Pastors on May 18th @ 9:45AM in the Christian Life Center Parlor.** Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

Scan this LINKTREE QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! From sign-ups, worship times to serving and online giving, this code will take you directly to everything you need to stay connected with our church. Whether you're looking to RSVP for Wednesday Night Suppers, get involved in church activities, or learn more about where YOU can serve, it's all just a scan away.



Rev. Michael Precht, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Parker, Associate Pastor

Rev. Sheila Bates, Southwest District Superintendent

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Alabama-West Florida Conference

155 SOUTH SECTION STREET ~ FAIRHOPE, AL 36532 ~ 251-928-1148 ~ FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

"LOVE BOLDLY, CASTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD"



THE GATHERING

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

MAY 4, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Savannah Bell

Communion Servers: Rebecca Bell, Shelly Fitzhugh, Mary & Noah Funderburg, Emily & Doug Garner, Deb & Tom Slone

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The "50 days of Easter," also known as Eastertide or the Easter season, is a period of celebration in the Christian liturgical year that begins on Easter Sunday and culminates with Pentecost. This season is a time to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit.*

OPENING SONG *House of the Lord*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 5:11-13*

OPENING PRAYER

SINGING OUR PRAISE

I Thank God

Christ in Me

Redeemed

Children 4 years old and up can meet at the gym door for Children's Church.

They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

SCRIPTURE *Acts 9:1-12, 17-20*

SERMON *What Now, Lord?*

CONFESSION & PARDON

Lord God, in the light of your glory--

Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

Rise up from the dust, oh sinner! Put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

[†]You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any, to receive from Christ's table. We welcome all who desire to meet Christ in this meal where He has promised to meet us.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:30am Senior Breakfast

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Traditional Worship, Senior Sunday

11:00am The Gathering Worship

4:00pm Confirmation Service

MONDAY, MAY 5

10-11:30am April/May Birthday Celebration

10:00am Knit and Crochet

3:00pm Grief Support Group

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:30am Caregivers Support Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

1:30pm Weekly Bible Study

5-6:00pm Wednesday Supper

6-7:30pm Pier Kids (K-4th)

6-7:30pm SWIFT (5th-6th)

6-7:45pm SALT Student Ministry

6:00pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY, May 8

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAY, May 9

11am-1:00pm Community Café

SUNDAY, May 11

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am The Gathering Worship

6:00pm Be Still & Know Prayer Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Celebrating our Graduating Seniors and Confirmands

Today is a day of celebration within our worshipping community as we recognize two spiritual milestones. In our 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, we recognize and honor our graduating seniors, celebrating their time in Youth Ministry and praying for their journeys ahead. Later today, we hope you will gather with us at 4:00 pm for a Service of Confirmation, where our 7th graders will affirm their faith and officially become members of the United Methodist Church. Please offer your encouragement, support and prayers for these important moments in the life of our church family!

May 7th Wednesday Supper

Pork Tamales, Black Beans, Mexican Rice & Lemon Bars

Please call the church office or go online to make reservations.

Be Still and Know Prayer Service | May 11th 6:00pm

We will be gathering in the Sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 11th for a time of prayer and reflection. As music plays, a guided meditation will be provided with scripture and prayers to shape your time of personal meditation. Come to this 30-minute time of renewal and refreshment for your spirit.

Support VBS Through Our Amazon Wishlist!

Vacation Bible School is one of our most impactful outreach events of the year, and you can help make it a success! By purchasing items from our Amazon Wishlist, you're directly supporting our children's ministry while helping us steward our resources wisely. Your generosity—and your prayers—mean so much as we prepare for this exciting week of ministry. Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or visit linktree.com/fairhopeumc to view the wishlist. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through VBS!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Jim Ellis, Gail Philips, Katie Turner

Monthly Finance Report: After all giving and expenses were reconciled for February, we improved on our January shortfall and reduced our year-to-date deficit by half. For the year, our giving is now \$16,000 behind what we need to make our budget by the year's end.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend our next **Coffee with the Pastors on May 18th @ 9:45AM in the Christian Life Center Parlor**. Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

Scan this LINKTREE QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! From sign-ups, worship times to serving and online giving, this code will take you directly to everything you need to stay connected with our church. Whether you're looking to RSVP for Wednesday Night Suppers, get involved in church activities, or learn more about where YOU can serve, it's all just a scan away.



FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Precht, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Parker, Associate Pastor

Rev. Sheila Bates, Southwest District Superintendent

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Alabama-West Florida Conference

155 SOUTH SECTION STREET ~ FAIRHOPE, AL 36532 ~ 251-928-1148 ~ FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

"LOVE BOLDLY, CASTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD"