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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023 ~ 8:30 and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Pastorale

(Charles Wesley)

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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Thanks be to God. Amen.

LET US PRAY

Your covenant is all we seek, O God. Silence in us any voice but yours this day. Help us sort through the clutter and distractions in our lives, that we may be present, here, right now, and worship you in joy and peace. Amen.

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦HYMN OF PRAISE #428

For the Healing of the Nations

BAPTISM (11:00)

Rachael and Elijah
Children of Linda Rodriguez

✦THE APOSTLES' CREED

✦GLORIA PATRI

MISSIONS MOMENT

Kim Bullard, Embrace Alabama Kids

OFFERING

Let All Creation Resound

(Krug)

✠DOXOLOGY

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PSALTER (8:30) #799

Psalm 78:1-7

HYMN OF PREPARATION #472

Near to the Heart of God

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON

"Covenant or Commodity?"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *UMH* #13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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CLOSING HYMN #540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Minor

(Charles Wesley)

✠ Stand as able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Rebecca and Herman Howard by Dianna Howard-Lambert. They were married November 12, 1943 at Broad Street Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan **Liturgist:** Katie Turner
Acolytes: (8:30) Juliette Jones, Anne Frances Bobo **Crucifier:** Savannah Grace Jones
Acolyte: (11:00) Darby Butler
Communion Servers: (8:30) Emily Garner, Rosie and Mike Lockwood, Ann Pearson
(11:00) Tom Hood, Carol Willis
Music Team: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir
Media and Sound: (8:30) Wright Tapscott (11:00) Toby Monckton



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Music notes: Charles Wesley (1757-1834) was the nephew of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and the son of John's brother Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great Methodist hymn writer. Charles Wesley junior was a musical prodigy - playing the organ by age 3 - and became a professional organist and composer in adulthood.

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NEW BABY RECOGNITION

Tina Wettermark

SINGING OUR PRAISES

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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
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