



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 5TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✦ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Adagio* GUSTAV MERKEL

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

We will sing to the Lord and bless God's name!

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all peoples.

Splendor and majesty are before the Lord; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

We will worship the Lord in holy splendor!

Let us tremble with joy before the God of all creation.

✦ HYMN *Come Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

✦ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✦ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *Old Rugged Cross* ARR. NISHIMURA

✦ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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HYMN *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds by the gift of your Word. Speak to us with clarity and truth, that we may walk in your ways. Amen.

✦ SCRIPTURE

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Glory to God. Amen.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✦ HYMN

Where He Leads Me

UMH 338

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

GUSTAV MERKEL

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Mary Finger, Hazel & JD Odem,

Lucy Sowell

11:00

Patricia & Ken Cooper

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

8:30

Lisa Latourette

11:00

Brian Norris

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST

(8:30) Jan Pringle

(11:00) Katie Robertson

ACOLYTES:

8:30

Bennett Harrison, Evans Brasfield

GREETER:

(11:00) Meri Catherine Brasfield

USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Accompanist, John Richardson

Flutist, Natalie Woodrow

MEDIA:

Toby Monckton

Hackett Robertson

The flowers are given by Mady and Rusty Allman to the Glory of God, and in memory of Hazel and Elbey Allman and Mary and Bernie Fogarty.

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THE GATHERING

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OCTOBER 5TH, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

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Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Miles Bardhardt

Communion Servers: Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Ann Pearson

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG

Glorious Day

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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Chain Breaker

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