



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Reflection on Psalm 23:4* DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS ISAIAH 53:4-6

THE NAILS:

Come, behold the hands of Jesus, pierced for our transgressions.

By His wounds, we are healed.

Let us worship the One who was nailed to the cross for us.

We worship in gratitude and love.

✠ HYMN *O Worship the King* UMH 73

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *At the Cross* BERRY

✠ THE LENTEN REFRAIN THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.

I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)

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HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* UMH 301

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the fragrance of your word fill this house and our hearts that we may share with all the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Mark 15:6-15*

SERMON *Jesus Died Because We Killed Him*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, and the whole world with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN *Were You There (vs. 1-3)*

UMH 288

✠ BENEDICTION

Depart in quiet reflection

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30
Lynn Askew
Mary Corbitt
Mary & John Hodgkins
11:00
Emily Garner
Melanie Hearne
Tom Hood
Kimberly McKeough

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht (8:30)
Rev. Laura Parker (11:00)

LITURGIST:

Emily Garner

GREETER:

8:30
Mary Finger

ACOLYTES:

8:30
Anne Frances Bobo
Harrison Bobo

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Toby Monckton

USHER:

Mark Woodrow

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Sagan Wilkins, beloved daughter of Peggy Sagan, wife of George Wilkins III, and mother to John Wilkins.

THIS WEEK

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8:00am Stephen Ministry Trng
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Supervision

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Support
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Assmblly
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MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Bob Gibson, Carol Pierce

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THE GATHERING

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT*

APRIL 6, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Michael Precht

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Anne & Lane Dorman, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Katie & Lee Turner

Acolytes: Caroline Turner, Hadley Turner

Usher: Charles Searce

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season of Lent is a period of 40 days, inspired by Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. In this season of prayer, fasting, and charity, we turn our attention to Jesus' sacrifice for us.*

OPENING SONG

Christ in Me

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 53:4-6

The Nails:

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LENTEN RESPONSE

Lead Me to the Cross

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Flawless

Run to the Father

In Christ Alone

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THANKSGIVING

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

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.

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