



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Gigue on Psalm 149:3 - Let them praise
God's name in the dance.*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 PETER 1:17-23

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin. **Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death. **Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

✠ HYMN *He Lives* UMH 310

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *In the Garden* LARSON

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11AM)

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HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 24:13-35*

SERMON *When We Don't Recognize Jesus*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, we live in a world where power is often disguised as truth, convenience masquerades as goodness, and selfish pleasure imitates love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from the world's deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie on Psalm 71:16 - I will go on in the strength of the Lord.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Mary Finger

Steve Pearson

Katie & Robby Robertson

11:00

Helen Ingram

Ann Claunch & Steve

Pearson

Lucy Sowell

ACOLYTES:

8:30

Harbour Robertson

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht (8:30)

Rev. Laura Parker (11:00)

LITURGIST:

Steve Pearson

GREETER:

Jolene Schmitt

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 Mary Carr Finger, from her sons Palmer & Robert Finger.

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THE GATHERING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

MAY 11, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Michael Precht

Acolytes: Peyton & Olivia Boward

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Don Dolan, Anne & Lane Dorman, Mary & Noah Funderburg, Marie Green

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Ushers: Charles Searce

**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
WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
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SINGING OUR PRAISE

Living Hope

1 Peter 1:21-22

Who You Say I Am

Holy Forever

God Really Loves Us

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THANKSGIVING

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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.

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