



MAY 18, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PSALM 30

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

UMH 400

UMH 881

SLEETH

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.

UMH 354

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

When We're Stuck in the Past

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again. Still we look for the living among the dead. You rolled away the stone from the tomb. You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things! Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation. Amen.

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. We rejoice in the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Festivity on Psalm 30:11 - Thou hast
turned my mourning into dancing and
filled me with gladness.*

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30
Emily Garner
Rosie & Mike Lockwood
Lucy Sowell
11:00
Cheri & Jerry Forte
Tom Hood
Deb Slone

ACOLYTES:

11:00
Dayton Bills
Lincoln Bills

PREACHER:

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

LITURGIST:

Gene Lammers

GREETER:

Mary Finger (8:30)

USHER:

Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Emily and Doug Garner in honor of Peggy F. Sagan's 95th birthday (5/17/25), and in memory of Frances B. White, Emily's mother (5/18/1926).

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THE GATHERING

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

MAY 18, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Michael Precht

Acolyte: Savannah Bell

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Rebecca Bell, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Jen & Meg Galloway

Greeter: Katie Turner

Music: Brandon 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
WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING PRAYER
SINGING OUR PRAISE

Glorious Day

Psalm 30:8-12

Run To The Father

Jireh

The Commission

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SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19

SERMON

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THANKSGIVING

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

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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