



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
JUNE 1, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM  
✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Prelude in D Flat Major* JOHANN PACHELBEL

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALTER #781, PSALM 47

✠ HYMN *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

VBS RECOGNITION

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* ROUSE

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11AM)

*Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month, children stay for the entire service so they can worship and receive Holy Communion with their families.*

HYMN *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Acts 1:1-11*

SERMON *When it is Time to Move Forward*

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with you.

**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

*Jesus Shall Reign*

UMH 157

## ✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God On High*

JOHANN PACHELBEL

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Suzan & Steve Christensen

Emily Garner

Ann Pearson

11:00

Tom Hood

Kimberly McKeough

Amy & Julius O'Rear

### PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

### LITURGIST:

Emily Garner

### GREETER:

8:30

Meri Catherine Brasfield

### USHER:

Mark Woodrow

Tiffany Beasley (8:30)

### MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR  
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS  
Accompanist,  
John Richardson

### MEDIA:

Colin Richardson  
Toby Monckton

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am The Gathering Worship  
5:00pm VBS Kick-Off Party

### MONDAY, JUNE 2

9-11:30am VBS

### TUESDAY, JUNE 3

9-11:30am VBS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

9-11:30am VBS  
9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry  
6-7:30pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

9-11:30am VBS  
9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

9-11:30am VBS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am TJ's Food Ministry  
Distribution  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
11:00am The Gathering Worship  
2:30-11:00pm Youth FOMO Night

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### VBS Family Kick-off

All VBS participants and families are invited to join us for a kick-off celebration on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm in the CLC. Dinner's on us! Explore our spaces, ask questions, turn in forms, pick up shirts, and carline tags. Oh, there'll be some fun things for the kids, too!

### Blue Lake-Camp X Registration-Deadline June 22nd

Current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join our Children's Ministry for Camp X @ Blue Lake, July 7-11. Children will enjoy camp activities like swimming in the lake and fellowship be the campfire as well as games, crafts, and small group discipleship. Sign up now by visiting the linktree or contact Jenna Hood for more information.

### TJ'S Food Ministry-Ways to Serve on June 8

We will have 150 food bags available to be distributed in our community. We are giving you and your family a chance to be in mission and ministry on this day. Bags will be available after the morning worship services on June 8 from the CLC Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

### Annual Conference – June 8-10 in Pensacola, FL

Fairhope UMC will be represented at Annual Conference by our pastors and by Steve Pearson and Mary Corbitt. This year's Annual Conference will honor retiring pastors (including Pastor Laura!), commission and ordain new elders (including Pastor Michael's wife, Rev. Jennifer Precht!), and make all new appointments official (including our new associate, Dr. Kristen Wright!). To learn more, you can visit [awfumc.org](http://awfumc.org)

### Celebrating the Retirement of Rev. Laura Parker

Rev. Laura's final Sunday in the pulpit will be June 22. Immediately following the 11:00 service, we will host a reception in the CLC Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to express your appreciation with a card or love offering, a basket will be available at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. We will also have cards and envelopes on hand for your convenience.

For love offerings, checks may be made payable directly to Laura Parker. Online gifts can be given through the "Give" option on our church website.

If you are unable to attend but would like to send a note of gratitude, please mail it to:  
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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

## HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Barry Pennington, Peggy Sagan, Katie Turner, Steve Vogel

**Monthly Finance Report:** Giving in March and April was higher than usual for those months allowing us to end the first quarter of the year slightly ahead of our anticipated giving. Our facility expenses are also slightly higher than we anticipated over the last four months, but overall, we remain on track to finish the year with a slight surplus.

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# THE GATHERING

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\*

JUNE 1, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Laura Parker

**Acolyte:** Savannah Bell

**Communion Servers:** Miles Barnhardt, Jane & Don Dolan, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Jennifer Jones, Emily Garner, Ann Pearson

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

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

**Usher:** Charles Searce

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*\*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                      *Graves Into Gardens*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

VBS RECOGNITION

CALL TO WORSHIP                      *Psalm 47*

OPENING PRAYER

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Alive and Breathing*

*King of Kings*

*Fresh Wind*

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SCRIPTURE                                      *Acts 1:1-11*

SERMON                                      *When it is Time to Move Forward*

CONFESSION & PARDON

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By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of sins. Serve God now with renewed peace and strength. God is with you.

**Glory to God! Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP<sup>†</sup>

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

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<sup>†</sup>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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