



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6TH, 2025 | 8:30AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

*Hearts Unfold Like Flowers*

FEDAK

WELCOME &amp; MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

You have turned mourning into dancing, and clothed us with joy.

**My soul will praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Let us worship the Lord!

✠ HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

UMH 295

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

BURKHARDT

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, reveals your will for our lives. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us each the wisdom to attend to your call every day, and make us ready to hear and obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE

*Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

SERMON

*Two by Two*

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

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## ✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## ✠ HYMN

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

UMH 584

## ✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"*

WAGNER

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

### STEPHEN MINISTER:

Evie Davies

### PREACHER:

Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

### LITURGIST:

Rev. Michael Precht

### USHER:

Mark Woodrow

### MUSIC

Chancel Choir  
Director, Tom Hood  
Accompanist,  
John Richardson

### MEDIA:

Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and honor of Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright by the Fairhope United Methodist Church congregation.

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# THE GATHERING

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST\*

JULY 6TH, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher:** Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

**Assisting:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Communion Servers:** Nadine & Barry Baskin, Jane & Don Dolan, Mary & Noah Funderburg,  
Deb & Tom Slone

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

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

**Stephen Minister:** Deb Slone

**Usher:** Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, Phil Webb

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*\*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                      *Here I am, Lord*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP                *from Psalm 30*

OPENING PRAYER

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Battle Belongs*

*God of This City*

*Alive and Breathing*

*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.  
Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

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THANKSGIVING

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP<sup>†</sup>

CLOSING SONG

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