



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE "Aria" from *Baroque Suite* GORDON YOUNG

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 146

Blessed are those who delight in the Lord.

We are like trees planted by streams of water.

Rooted in God's word, nourished by God's Spirit,

We will yield fruit in this season.

Come, let us worship the Lord who makes all things grow.

We come to love boldly and live into God's promise!

✠ HYMN *Joyful, Joyful* UMH 89

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

WITNESS: GROWING THE PROMISE

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Marvelous Love* ARR. COOPER

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S LESSON (11)

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.

HYMN *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* UMH 277

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, sow your Word in us like seed in good soil. Let it take root, grow strong, and bear fruit that blesses generations. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

SERMON *Planting Hope for Every Generation*

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We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

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Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Plein Jeu a la Couperin"
from *Baroque Suite*

GORDON YOUNG

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Emily Garner,
Mary & John Hodgkins,
Betty Stejskal
11:00
Tom Hood,
Ann Claunch & Steve
Pearson, Katie Robertson

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

8:30

Evie Davies

11:00

Ann Claunch

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Hackett Robertson

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

Children's Lesson:

Myra Hand

Greeter:

8:30

Mike Kirk

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

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HOSPITALIZED:

Bill Varner

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THE GATHERING

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

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Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Emery Capstraw

Communion Servers: Kristin Capstraw, Emily & Doug Garner, Ann Pearson

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Kathy Ellis

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb,

**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

Graves Into Gardens

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 1

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Rise Up

Build My Life

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