



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Offertory in E Flat* THEODORE DUBOIS
WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

We will speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power!

✠ HYMN *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* UMH 139

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

WITNESS: KATELIN & CHAD HOLMES

OFFERTORY *I Surrender All* JOHNSON

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S LESSON (11)

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HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Generous God, you open your hand and satisfy the needs of every living thing. As we turn to your Word, open our hearts to receive your abundance. Teach us that your gifts are never for hoarding but always for sharing, so that we may rejoice together in your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 14:22-29*

SERMON

Eat What You Grow

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

I Come with Joy

UMH 617

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus in B Flat

THEODORE DUBOIS

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Emily Garner,
Ann Pearson, Lucy Sowell

11:00

Rosalie Hicks, John Hicks,
Amy & Julies O'Rear

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

8:30

Robyn Simons

11:00

Ginger Ready

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST

8:30

Emily Garner

11:00

Steve Pearson

Children's Lesson:

Emily Garner

USHER:

11:00

Jackie Upton

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our
40th wedding anniversary by Vicki & Perry Studstill.

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Beef Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Dessert.

Kids Meal: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza, Fruit, Sugar Cookie

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HOSPITALIZED:

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THE GATHERING

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Miles Bardhardt

Communion Servers: Rebecca Bell, Emily Garner, Jennifer Jones, Ann Pearson

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Kim Gibson

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

Promises

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 145

SINGING OUR PRAISE

House of the Lord

Jirah

Christ be Magnified

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Robi and Richard Jones and family in the loss of her mother, Elsie Butgereit.

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