

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship – May 4, 2025

10:45 Music: *There will be no live music this Sunday. Feel free to visit with friends before the program starts.*

Sunday Program starts at 11:00

Greetings: *President, Irene Wegner*

Chalice Lighting: *Mary Anderson*

Announcements / Joys and Sorrows

Greeting Our Guests

Reading: *Eloise Rogers*

Moment of Silence

Music and Collection: **No** music during collection

Program Everyone: Mother's Day

We will gather in a circle to remember both our Mom and our childhood years. This will give us all a chance to honor our Mom, remember our childhood, and tell some tales. If you can't say something, you either can pass the mike or write it out for someone else to read.

1st Unitarian Principle: We covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Pantry Habit *Thank* you for contributing to our Pantry. There is **always** a need for our Food Pantry! We particularly need pasta, hearty soups, canned green veggies and fruit. One reason people like it so much is that we don't require identification or proof of need. "Take what you need. Give what you can". This has worked well for us! Our neighbors appreciate our generosity! So, **THANK YOU** for your caring! **YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

There is also a "Blessing Box" furnished by **Fairhope East Elementary School**. It is located in front of our pantry, and is specifically designed for personal care items and school supplies. The school will maintain and keep stocked but we can also put non-food items in.

This Week at FUF May 11 - May 17, 2025

Sunday: Silent Meditation Group, 9:45 am

Monday: Open Uke Jam, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday: Men's group, Kind Café, Fairhope, 9:00 am

Wednesday: The Back Porch Folk Singers practice, 3:00-4:30 pm

Thursday: Women of Wisdom – WOW, 11:00 am

Thursday: Thursday Club, 5:00-7:00 pm, Tammy's Sports Bar

Next Week Program: May 18, 2025

Zach Helton: "Palm Sunday: A New Way to Read the Story"

The Palm Sunday story has been told in many ways, often weighed down with religious baggage, but what if we understood it differently? What if we read the "Triumphal Entry" as a story of a bold political resistance and protest, leading into a week of courage and transformation through overwhelming odds? This talk explores how the Palm Sunday parade invites us into courageous action, even when the path is uncertain.

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