



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

OCTOBER 11, 2020
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* George Shearing

Welcome and Parish Notices Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Introit *O Be Joyful* arr. John Yarrington

*Processional Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* 428

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

*Call to Worship Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, in the path of your commandments,

People: For we delight in it.

Leader: Turn our hearts away from hatred,

People: But turn them toward your decree of love!

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God most holy, in Jesus Christ you have laid a foundation upon which to build our lives. Help us to follow your perfect law of love, that we may fulfill it and observe it to the end. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Celebration of New Members

Act of Praise *How Great Thou Art* arr. Craig Courtney
Amber Andrews, Soloist

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Offertory

What Shall I Render to My God?

arr. Austin Lovelace

Cathedral Choir

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store? I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more. The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive, and all His promises embrace and to His glory live. My vows I will to His great name before His people pay, and all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whatever is mine. Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine. Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free, the mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee. Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven, till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of Heaven.

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Children's Minute

Dr. C. Jason Borders

***Scripture Lessons**

Psalms 23:5, Matthew 5:45-48

Sermon

Preparation

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Response to the Word

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble, ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

***Hymn of Invitation**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***Benediction**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. John Rutter

Postlude

Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Haslam by Doci Haslam, Beth and Tim Sturm and Edward and Claire Sturm.

LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary time, also called the Season After Pentecost, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter.

GIVING OPTIONS

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IN MEMORY OF

Atwood Bullock Rush, Sr.

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rutledge*

Helen Rapp Rittenour

Joseph Ministry: *Melanie Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Thompson*
Memorial Fund: *Susan Waldrum*

Susan Crow Bagwell

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IN HONOR OF

Gaines Burnham

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Jim and Libba Roby

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Vinson Ogburn
May 7, 2020

BAPTISM

Simmons Leigh Murphy
October 4, 2020

NEW MEMBERS

Adam, Melissa, Ella, and Mary Wynn Warnke
October 4, 2020

WEDDING

Allison Rittenour and James Crennan
October 3, 2020

The Warnkes come to us from a local congregation.

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.