



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH 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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Associate Minister

Dr. C. Jason Borders
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Dr. James H. Seay
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Bishop Alabama-West Florida
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Montgomery-Opelika and
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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

Variations sur un Thème De Clément Jannequin

Jehan Alain

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 in the Lord

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people
pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's sto-
ry, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wis-
dom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ,
assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have
bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of
these days, for the living of these days.*

*3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our
pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish
gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us
wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy king-
dom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we
deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our
glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving
thee whom we adore.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is,

People: When kindred live together in unity!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the LORD ordained blessings, life forevermore.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Light of the world, shine upon us and disperse the clouds of our selfishness, that we may
reflect the power of the resurrection and unity in our life together. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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**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

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members
together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we
renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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.

Offertory

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

arr. Robert Wetzler

Cathedral Choir

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of joy and love.
God sends the welcome rainfall, the deserts bloom and spring. The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace. Heap on God's sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave; The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall, and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.
To God the gracious Father, the giver of all good, to Christ, who, when we wander, restores us with His blood, and to the Holy Spirit, who does upon us pour the blessed dew and sunshine, be praise forevermore!*

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*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.*

Children's Minute

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Habits of a Healthy Church Speaker

Maggie Brooks

Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-5:11

Sermon

Healthy Churches Hold All Things In Common

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

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**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

***Benediction**

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Jubilate

Roy Douglas

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Thomas, Jr and in honor of Carol Thomas by Ella Gaines and Frank Thomas III.

The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Hannah Haynes and Sully Jeter.

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.

IN MEMORY OF

Thomas Winfrey Oliver, V.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jon Goodwin, Tom Dodson*

Bolling Powell Starke, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanan*

Helen Rapp Rittenour

Joseph Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris*

Walter Edward Weaver

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Patricia Laird Hitchcock

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Jan Mock Gill

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas*

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Memorial Fund: *Wynne Prather Stevenson*

IN HONOR OF

George and Sally Kenton

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams*

Allison Chandler

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Chris Echols

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

SYMPATHY

To Paul Robertson, Jr. and his family upon the death of his father, *Paul Robertson, Sr.*; and to Mark and Laurie Jackson and their family upon the death of Mark's father, *Bob Jackson*; and to Penny and Tommy Thompson and their family upon the death of Penny's father, *Rutherford Poats*.

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