



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**MARCH 22, 2020**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Reverend Jay D. Cooper**  
Senior Minister

**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend G. Charles Kendall**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
Associate Minister

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
Theologian in Residence

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
Bishop Alabama-West Florida  
Conference

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
Director of Music

**Reverend R. Allen Newton**  
District Superintendent  
Montgomery-Prattville District

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**  
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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Prelude

*Cantilène*

Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome and Parish Notices

Rev. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

arr. Lanny Wolfe

\*Processional Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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*1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Do not remember the former things,

**People: Or consider the things of old.**

Leader: God is about to do a new thing;

**People: God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: God, our comforter, free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may always praise your mighty deeds and give you thanks for the bounty of your gifts. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

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**The Apostles' Creed**

**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.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

\*Preparation for Prayer

*Spirit of the Living God*

arr. Daniel Iverson

\*Pastoral Prayer

Dr. C. Jason Borders

\*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.

Offertory

*Total Praise*

arr. Richard Smallwood/arr. Rao

Cathedral Choir

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help comes from You.  
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.  
Amen.*

**Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

*You may still give to FUMC to pay your pledge, make memorial gifts or other giving online at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/firs2416274> or by texting "GIVE" to (334) 219-9113.*

\*Doxology

HAMBURG

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

Children's Minute

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34; 11:28-30

Sermon

*No Labels: Anxiety and Worry*

Rev. 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](mailto:ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org).*

\*Hymn of Invitation

*Blessed Assurance*

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*1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
(Refrain)*

*3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
(Refrain)*

**\*Benediction**

**Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

**\*Benediction Response**

*Go In Peace*

**arr. Hal Hopson**

**\*Postlude**

*Menuet Gothique*

**Léon Boëllmann**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katy Garren and Perry Brasfield by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Douglas Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman Kerr.

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**LITURGICAL SEASON: LENT**

“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning “spring.” The season of Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” even during Lent. Sunday is a time to remember and celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Christ teaches us how to die but, in dying, Christ taught us all how to live. The liturgical color is purple.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**Emily Riddle McLemore**

Memorial Fund: *Forester Class, Mr. and Mrs. John Michels, New Room Sunday School class, Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Kennamer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, Disciple Class, Mrs. Chris Brittain*; Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Roger Duggar, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stakely, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Northcutt, Gayle Page, Rev. Fred Zeigler*; Sacred Arts Ministry: *Dr. Frank Randall*

**Samuel Wayne Shannon**

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Sacred Arts Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas*

**Caro Louise Jehle**

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**Timothy Paul Donley**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas*

**William Adams Porter**

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**Harvey E. “Sonny” Cauthen**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Rush Rice*

**IN HONOR OF**

**Dr. Bill Cumbie**

Sacred Arts Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bunky Pratt*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**BAPTISM**

**Alice Easterly McWilliams**

Daughter of John and Sarah McWilliams  
*March 15, 2020*

**SYMPATHY**

To David Warren and his family upon the death of his brother, *Kenneth Warren*; and to Beth Trevor and her family upon the death of her brother, *Donald Thompson*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Jo Ann Sellers**

*March 3, 2020*

**Doris Wheat Thornton**

*March 11, 2020*

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