



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MARCH 29, 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Reverend Jay D. Cooper
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Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
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Reverend Gillian L. Walters
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Organist/Assistant Director of Music

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *Meditation from Thais* Jules Massenet
Yu Wang, Violin

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** *How Firm a Foundation* 529

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

2. *“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

3. *“When through deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

4. *“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

5. *The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never, forsake.*

***Call to Worship** Rev. Gillian L. Walters
Leader: Come, all of you who are afflicted!
People: For we know that God is with the afflicted.
Leader: God does not hide from us.
People: For God hears us when we call.

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God our refuge and hope, when virus isolates us, when our minds are uneasy, when we are troubled by the unknown: comfort and convict us with the stillness of your presence, that we may confess all you have done, through Christ to whom we belong and in whom we are one. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** 881

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 Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Preparation for Prayer** *Hear My Prayer* arr. Moses Hogan

***Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***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 *Peace I Give to You* arr. Craig Courtney
Cathedral Choir
Yu Wang, Violin
*Peace I leave you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled and fear not.
In this world you will have tribulations.
Take heart. I have overcome the world!*

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 Dr. C. Jason Borders

***Gospel Lesson** Mark 5:1-20

Sermon *No Labels: Mental Health* 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.

***Hymn of Invitation** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 140

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.*

*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!*

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)*

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!
(Refrain)*

***Benediction**

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Hal Hopson

***Postlude**

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. Bach

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary Ellen and Spede Bryan by their family.

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.

IN MEMORY OF

William Adams Porter

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage*

Emily Riddle McLemore

Respite Ministry: *Kay Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith
Memorial Fund: Mr. Vic Biebighauser, Dr. and Mrs. Charles
McLemore, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Ball; Cathedral Builders: Claire Smith*

Elaine Ellard McDonald

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Payton Mathis*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Katy Garren and Perry Brasfield
March 22, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Marsha and Bill Cook and their family upon
the death of Marsha’s mother, *Mae Green Ellis*
