



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

APRIL 26, 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude

Choral

Joseph Jongen

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

The Day of Resurrection

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1. *The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out
abroad; the passover of gladness,
the passover of God. From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought
us over, with hymns of victory.*

2. *Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and
plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.*

3. *Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song
begin! Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein! Let all things seen and
unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the
Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

*Call to Worship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: Come! Walk on the road to Emmaus!

People: **Let us hear the good news of Jesus!**

Leader: We thought he was dead, but he is risen!

People: **And Christ lives forevermore, Alleluia!**

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Fascinating God, companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us
unaware. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision, that, with
wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news.
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.*

Act of Praise

Thee We Adore
Cathedral Choir

arr. T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men afford! O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Preparation for Prayer

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

arr. Jacques Berthier

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

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

Easter Anthem
Cathedral Choir

William Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah! And did He rise? Hear it ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead! He rose. He burst the bars of death, and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose. The first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light and seized Eternal Youth. Man all immortal hail Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man. Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings

To pay your pledge, make memorial gifts or other giving, please give online at www.pushpay.com/pay/fumcmontgomery or by texting "FUMCMONTGOMERY" to 77977. You may also mail a check to the church at 2416 W. Cloverdale Park, Montgomery, AL 36106.

***Doxology**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Children's Minute

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

All Things Revealed

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.

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Benediction

Dr. C. Jason Borders

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. Rutter

*Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Rachel Dunn and James Taylor by her parents, Chris and Lynn Dunn.

LITURGICAL SEASON: EASTER

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and the Day of Pentecost. The liturgical color is white.

IN MEMORY OF

Ann Reese Randall

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bradley White*

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Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kneisel;*
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Music Ministry: *Danna Strickland*

Wendy Williams Franklin

Memorial Fund: *The Forester Class*

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The Ministers and Staff

Pastors Discretionary Fund: *Paula Mathis and Pat Mathis*

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Fit-It-Shop: *Mr. and Mrs. John Price*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

IN MEMORIAMS

Julia "Judy" Tucker Rhyme
April 18, 2020

Leslie B. Watson, Jr.
April 24, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Dianne and Earl Russell upon the death of Dianne's
mother, *Margie Cox Guy*