



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**MAY 3, 2020**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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**  
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**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
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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: WHITE

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Prelude

VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH

Georg Böhm

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

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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- 1. Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.*
- 2. With grateful joy and holy fear  
true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love Christ in return.*
- 3. Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.*
- 4. Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek,  
be ours his holy peace.*
- 5. Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined,  
we are in him made one.*
- 6. Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Even if we are walking through dark valleys,

**People: We fear no evil;**

Leader: For God is with us;

**People: The shepherd comforts us and brings us peace.**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. 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

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
Cathedral Choir

arr. Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then  
with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

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

**O God, Beyond All Praising**

arr. Richard Proulx

Cathedral Choir

*O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown – though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown; for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: to marvel at beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

**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](http://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. Gillian L. Walters

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Sermon

**All Things in Common**

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

**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.*

*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. Lucas S. Tribble**

**\*Benediction Response**

*Amen*

**arr. Hal Hopson**

**\*Postlude**

*Menuet gothique*

**Léon Boëllmann**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the  
2020 High School Seniors by their families.

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**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.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**Emily Riddle McLemore**

Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

**Hannah Loeb**

Respite Ministry: *Kate Blanton, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

**Jackie Gullede**

Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Ethel Boykin*

**Louise Allen**

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**Geri Ellzey Craig**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Furniss, Al Craig, Mr. Larry McLemore*

**William Henry Brittain, II**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hewes*

**Robert James Roth**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wallis*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**BIRTH**

**William Marshall Green III**

*April 25, 2020*

**WEDDINGS**

**Rachel Dunn and James Taylor**

*April 25, 2020*

**Haley Andreades and Jordan Vermeer**

*April 25, 2020*

**SYMPATHY**

To Betty Copeland and her family upon the  
death of Betty's granddaughter, *Hannah Loeb*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Leslie B. Watson, Jr.**

*April 24, 2020*

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*If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact [pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org).*