



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**MAY 10, 2020**  
**THE FIFTH 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 Ben A. McDavid**  
Associate Minister

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
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**Dr. James H. Seay**  
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Bishop Alabama-West Florida  
Conference

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

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

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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Prelude *Variations sur un Thème de Clément Jannequin* Jehan Alain

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 *O Taste and See* arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*Processional Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* 545

1. *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*
2. *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*
3. *Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How  
long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*
4. *Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*
5. *Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

\*Call to Worship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge;  
**People: You are indeed our rock and our fortress.**  
Leader: Let your face shine upon your servants.  
**People: Save us in your steadfast love!**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
**All: Almighty God, we worship you this day as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts that we may be like living stones prepared to become a spiritual house. Make us anew that your love may shine from us. In the name of the resurrected Jesus, 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.*

Act of Praise *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Craig Courtney  
Cathedral Choir

James Seay and Tyrone Hayes, Soloists  
*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the throne of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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**

***How Firm a Foundation***

arr. Dan Forrest

Cathedral Choir

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can we say than to you he hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen, help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. "When through the 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. "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. "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."*

**Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

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**\*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**

Dr. C. Jason Borders

**Scripture Lesson**

1 Peter 2:2-10

**Sermon**

***Unshakeable Foundation***

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**

***Because He Lives***

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*1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.  
(Refrain)*

*Refrain:  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

*3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.  
(Refrain)*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

**\*Benediction Response**

*Amen*

**arr. John Rutter**

**\*Postlude**

**ANTIOCH**

**Dale Wood**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Haden and Curtis H. Springer, Jr. by their children and grandchildren.

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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**

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**Claire Smith**

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**SYMPATHY**

To John and Sarah Price and their family upon the death of John's brother, *Wyatt Glenn Price*

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