



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**MAY 17, 2020**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Dr. 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**  
Theologian in Residence

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

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

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
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

*Ballade*  
Brian Hodges, Alto Saxophone  
Meg Griffin, Piano

Mike Garson

Welcome and Parish Notices

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

*Choral Fanfare*

arr. Hamilton Smith

\*Processional Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice give thanks and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your  
King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2. Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;  
Whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of in-  
cense cloud. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as we go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

4. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

\*Call to Worship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples,

**People: Let the sound of God's praise be heard!**

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being;

**People: For we too are God's offspring!**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all your people. 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.*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Ava Jo Gardner**  
Daughter of Robert and Whitley Gardner

**Concerns of a Caring Fellowship**

**Rev. Ben A. McDavid**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Rev. Ben A. McDavid**

**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**

***Jesus Calls Us***  
Susan Cooper, Soloist  
Brian Hodges, Clarinet  
Meg Griffin, Piano  
Cathedral Choir

**arr. Joy Patterson**

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his voice is sounding, saying "Christian, follow me!" Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more!" In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!" Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all!*

**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**

***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!***

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**Children's Minute**

**Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

**Scripture Lesson**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**Sermon**

***Unshakeable Defense***

**Dr. 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).*

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
(Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath  
done, And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
(Refrain)

\*Benediction

Dr. C. Jason Borders

\*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne

D. Buxtehude

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Ava Jo Gardner by her family.

**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**

**Geri Ellzey Craig**

Memorial Fund: *Pat Mathis and Paula Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chappell*  
IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweatt*

**Leslie Booth Watson**

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**Joel Griswold**

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**Emily Riddle McLemore**

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**SYMPATHY**

To Fran Macomber and her family upon the death of her son, *Jeff Roy*