



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

JULY 12, 2020

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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Montgomery-Prattville District

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

Bless This House
Cathedral Choir

arr. Joseph Martin

*Bless this house, O Lord we pray make it safe by night and day. Bless these walls so firm and stout
Keeping want and trouble out. Bless the roof and chimneys tall let thy peace lie overall.
Bless this door that it may prove ever open, to joy and love. Bless these windows shining bright
Letting in God's Heavenly light. Bless the hearth, ablazing there with smoke ascending like a prayer!
Bless the people here within keep them pure and free from sin. Bless us all that we may be
Fit O Lord to dwell with thee. Bless us all that one day we may dwell O Lord! With Thee! Amen.*

Welcome and Parish Notices

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

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*1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.*

*2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.*

*3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.*

*4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: God's word is a lamp to our feet,

People: And a light to our path.

Leader: Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord,

People: And teach us your ordinances.

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you freed us from sin and death, and by your Holy Spirit you nourish our mortal bodies with life. Plant us now in good soil, that our lives may flower in righteousness and peace. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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**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

Hopkins Scott Lee
Son of Scott and Mary Louise Lee

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

The Call

arr. Z. Randall Stroope

Cathedral Choir

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move.
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings

To submit your pledge and other financial gifts, please visit www.pushpay.com/pay/fumcmontgomery or text "FUMCMONTGOMERY" to 77977 to make a secure online donation. 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, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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Children's Minute

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23, 51

Sermon

Have You Understood All This?

Dr. C. Jason Borders

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

Hymn of Promise

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*1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*Benediction

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. Edwin Smith

Postlude

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphree

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Still by her son Russ Still.

The wreaths on the chapel doors are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Hopkins Scott Lee by his maternal grandparents, Lynne Thrower and Mike Carroll.

LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary time, also called the Season After Pentecost, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter.

IN MEMORY OF

Roger Sherman Duggar

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Eileen Lovan Tarantino

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Keith J. Bura*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

IN MEMORIAM

Judy R. Pratt
July 1, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Richard and Mitch Little and their family upon the death of Richard's sister, *Bernice Glidden*; and to Dee Walker and his family upon the death of Dee's mother, *Margaret Alice McKay Walker*
