



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

JULY 26, 2020

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

Bless This House
Mabs Seay, Soloist
Cathedral Choir

arr. May Brahe

Welcome and Parish Notices

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

The Kingdom of God

Taizé Community

*Processional Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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*1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.*

*2. I love thy church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.*

*3. For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.*

*4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.*

*5. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing praises of glory in God's holy name;

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O sovereign God, in Jesus Christ you brought the Kingdom of Heaven to us. So let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into greatness, and like the leaven that mixes with the grain until the whole becomes greater, to the praise of the triune God, who lives forevermore. 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.*

Act of Praise

Immortal, Invisible
Cathedral Choir

arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Pastoral Prayer

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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

Prayer of St. Francis

arr. Allen Pote

Kate Berry, Soprano
Cathedral Choir

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Where there is despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light,
where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.*

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings

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*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 13:31-33, 44-46

Sermon

Mustard and Yeast

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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

Seek Ye First

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*1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

*2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto
you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

*3. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

*Benediction

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Benediction Response

Go In Peace

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Prelude 'The New Commonwealth'

D. Buxtehude

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.

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Thelma Braswell
Music Ministry: *Linda McIntyre*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISM
Lucille Elizabeth Carroll
July 19, 2020
Daughter of Clay and Leanne Carroll

IN MEMORIAM
Lydia Johnson
July 15, 2020
William Meredith Harrell
July 17, 2020
