



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

AUGUST 16, 2020
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

Choral

Joseph Jongen

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. H. Hamilton Smith

*Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

2. *"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*

3. *"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."*

4. *"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."*

5. *"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."*

*Call to Worship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: Let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: May your way be known upon the earth,

People: And your saving power among all nations!

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded, and gather in those who have been rejected. Give us the faith to speak as steadfastly as did the Canaanite woman, that the outcast may be welcomed and all people may be blessed. 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.*

Celebration of New Members

Michael and Ginnie Wilkerson

Act of Praise

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Dan Forrest

Dr. James Seay, Soloist

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath, and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

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

With a Voice of Singing
Cathedral Choir

arr. Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

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. Lucas S. Tribble

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon

Faith is a Verb: Straight Talking with Jesus

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.

*Hymn of Invitation

Children of the Heavenly Father

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*1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.*

*2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

*Benediction

Dr. C. Jason Borders

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Toccata on 'How Firm a Foundation'

Claude Murphree

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

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Respite Ministry: *Mary Anne Moorhead*

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Scot Mims

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IN HONOR OF

The Marty Lee Family

Honor Fund: *Tara Cady*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Rachel Lee and Isaac Edmiston

August 8, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Tammy and Jimmy Holcomb and their family upon
the death of Tammy's brother, *Tate Allen*
