



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

AUGUST 23, 2020
THE TWELFTH 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

Partita for Flute
Elizabeth Haynes, Flute

J.S. Bach

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

O Worship the Lord

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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*

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 com-
munion 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. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Who do you say that Jesus is?

People: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Leader: Sing of the ways of the Lord,

People: For great is the glory of the Lord!

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Bridge building God, you blessed Simon Peter with the knowledge of the presence of the Messiah. Keep us in remembrance of the rock from which we are built, that the waste places of our lives may blossom to your glory. 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

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Elizabeth Haynes, Flute
Meg Griffin, Piano
Cathedral Choir

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentations, I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing, it sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?

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

And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord
Cathedral Choir

arr. Fred Bock

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountains green? And did the Christ of heaven come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen? And did He die to prove His love? And did He rise more powerful still? And was His rule on earth started there upon Golgotha's tragic hill? Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire! I will not cease to spread His light: My faith a shield, His word my sword; Til Christ, my God, is crowned as King, And all the earth shall own Him Lord.

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 and Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Faith is a Verb: Name It and Claim It

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

My Hope Is Built

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*1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain:
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)*

*3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)*

*4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)*

*Benediction

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. John Rutter

Postlude

Prelude on Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nelle Feathers Hampton by her daughter Mary Nelle Hampton.

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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Gayle Stewart Shegon

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Music Ministry

Music Ministry: *Kim Donley*

Tammy Holcomb and Nancy Belser

Food Pantry: *Anne Searcy*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Ginnie Wilkerson

August 16, 2020

Michael is transferring from Fitzpatrick UMC and works at Montgomery Cancer Center. Ginnie is transferring from FUMC Jackson, TN and is an early childhood educator.

WEDDINGS

Chynna Courtney and Cal Cherry

August 15, 2020

Holly Sharp and Robert Black

August 15, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Crow Bagwell

August 12, 2020

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.