



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**  
**THE FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**Dr. Jay D. Cooper**  
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**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
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**Dr. Jeff L. Wilson**  
District Superintendent  
Montgomery-Opelika and  
Montgomery-Prattville Districts

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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Prelude *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* George Shearing

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 Be Joyful* arr. John Yarrington

\*Processional Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 57

1. *O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

2. *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

3. *Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

4. *He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

5. *He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

6. *Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

7. *In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.*

\*Call to Worship Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: Jesus is the gate.

**People: Whoever enters by him will be saved,**

Leader: and will come in and go out and find pasture.

**People: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.**

Leader: Jesus came that all may have life,

**People: and have it abundantly.**

### Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us in this time of worship today and fill us with your love, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, in your name we pray, Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* 881

**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 **Bowen Wilson Hitch**  
Son of Bryan and Jamie Ruth Hitch

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Gillian L. Walters**  
**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 Loves Me**  
Milton Welch, Saxophone  
Meg Griffin, Piano  
Cathedral Choir  
Tyrone Hayes, Conductor

**arr. Michael Hassell**

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he who died Heaven's gate to open wide! He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

**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. Lucas S. Tribble**

**\*Scripture Lessons**

**Psalm 23:1, John 10:1-18**

**Sermon**

***Provision***

**Dr. Jay D. Cooper**

**Response to the Word**

***Psalm 23***

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**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).*

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

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*1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

*2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*3. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to thee.*

*4. Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

**\*Benediction**

**Rev. Ben A. McDavid**

**\*Benediction Response**

***Amen***

**arr. Hal Hopson**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Barton Crum by his family.

**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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**Wednesday Morning Covenant Group**

Honor Fund: *Mrs. Susie Kicklighter*

**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**SYMPATHY**

To Anne Franco and her family upon the death of Anne's husband, *Herman Franco*