



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
THE SIXTEENTH 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: WHITE

Prelude

Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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 God, We Worship Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1. *All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.*

2. *Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.*

3. *Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.*

4. *Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.*

5. *Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.*

6. *O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are tired and need rest,

People: For the shepherd offers us green pastures.

Leader: Come, you who are hungry,

People: For the Lord provides us with the bread of life.

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Shepherd God, you call us into rhythm of work and rest that our lives may be the better for it.
So shape our leisure and our labor, that the world will recognize us as sheep belonging to the
Good Shepherd. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

Confirmation Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty who is holy, omnipresent (with us wherever we go), omniscient, and omnipotent. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who is perfect even when we are not. We believe that he is our compassionate Lord and Savior. We believe in the Holy Spirit who God has sent to move among us, guiding us and allowing us to share God's love with others. 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.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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**Come, We That Love the Lord**
Cathedral Choir**arr. Alice Parker**

*Come we that love the Lord and let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
Let those refuse who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
Then let our songs abound and every tear be dry; We're marching thru Emmanuel's land to fairer worlds on high!
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

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.***

95**Children's Minute****Dr. C. Jason Borders****A Service of Confirmation****See Insert*****Scripture Lessons****Psalm 23:2, Mark 6:30-44****Sermon*****Presence*****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.

Hymn of Invitation**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*****400**

*1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.*

*2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

Benediction*Rev. Gillian L. Walters*****Benediction Response*****The Lord Bless You*****arr. Hal Hopson**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Helen Geesey and in loving memory of Jim Geesey by Bob and Gayle Auman.

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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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BIRTH

Frances Lenoir Chesser

September 11, 2020

Daughter of Justin and Meredith Chesser

BAPTISM

Bowen Wilson Hitch

September 13, 2020

Son of Bryan and Jamie Ruth Hitch

SYMPATHY

To Donna and Richard Parrish and their family upon the death of Donna's mother, *Beryl Anderson*; and to Michael Respass and his family upon the death of his brother, *Jeff Respass*
