



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN
MUSIC AND WORSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

Prelude *A Fancy* **H. Hugh Bancroft**

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 *Surely the Presence* **arr. Lanny Wolfe**

***Processional Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **139**

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration!*

2. *Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning, bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining.*

5. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him; Let the amen sound from his people again, Gladly forever adore him.*

3. *Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee.*

4. *Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*

***Call to Worship** **Rev. Ben A. McDavid**

Leader: Restore our souls, O God,
People: For you bring light into our darkness.
Leader: Lead us on paths of righteous,
People: For you are the way.

***Invocation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Almighty God, illuminator of the path, you have revealed through your Son the way to the narrow gate. Give us light in the darkness, that we may travel on the road that leads to life. 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.*

Act of Praise *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* **arr. Z. Randall Stroope**
Cathedral Choir

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold, then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God! When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of Heaven, and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God! Come dwell!

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Cathedral Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. 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

***Scripture Lessons**

Psalm 23:3, Matthew 7:13-14

Sermon

Prevenience

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**

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. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

arr. Peter Lutkin

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmie Jeane Strickland by her family.

The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Lilla Bea Granger and Reed McMullan.

The flower cross on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily Riddle McLemore on her birthday by her husband, Larry McLemore and siblings, Bill Riddle and Lynne Riddle Thrower.

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

Rodney Stephen Nolen

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Lillian Gilley

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISM

Charley Harper Keiser

September 20, 2020

Daughter of Ben and Kate Keiser

IN MEMORIAM

Aloma Revis Osgood

September 15, 2020

Elliott Ross McMahan

September 17, 2020

NEW MEMBERS

The Confirmation Class of 2020

September 20, 2020

**Lauren Babcock
Anna Belle Brown
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Atticus Clements
Campbell Drumwright
Lulu Espy
Frances Fitzpatrick
Reid Garrett
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