



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter auf Erden* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Introit *O Be Joyful* arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 384

1. 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.

3. 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.

2. 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.

4. 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.

*Call to Worship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
People: And we will observe it to the end.
Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments,
People: For we delight in it.

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. 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 *What Does the Lord Require?* arr. Eric Nelson
Cathedral Choir

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
How shall our life fulfill God's law, so high? Let Christ endue our will with grace.
How shall our life fulfill God's law? What does the Lord require? What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
Do justice; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.*

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

The Gift of Love
Cathedral Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. 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

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-10

Sermon

The Law of Love

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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

We Are Called

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*1. Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!*

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

*2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Refrain*

*3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!
Refrain*

*Benediction

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Benediction Response

Go In Peace

arr. Allen Pote

Postlude

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Roger Duggar 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

Susan Crow Bagwell

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Leeanne Phillips and Tatum Dean
August 29, 2020

BAPTISM

Crawford Jones DuBose
August 30, 2020
Son of Derek and Luv DuBose

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Rapp Rittenour
August 29, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Jeff and Rhonda Webb and their family upon the death of Jeff's sister, *Alyson Marie Webb Mathews*; to Robert and Rochelle Kohn and their family upon the death of her father, *James Keith Melton*; to Tom Norris and his family upon the death of his sister, *Christine Pennini*; and to Les Hayes and his family upon the death of his father, *Armstead Hayes*

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