



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

**OCTOBER 25, 2020
REFORMATION SUNDAY
ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

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

Dr. Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Dr. C. Jason Borders
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Organist/Assistant Director of Music

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Montgomery-Opelika and
Montgomery-Prattville Districts

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

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Cesar Franck

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

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

*Processional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled,
People: We will not let our hearts be afraid.
Leader: Christ is alive,
People: Therefore, we are also alive!

*Invocation

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

All: **Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us in your home. Draw us toward you, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. 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.*

Celebration of New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Act of Praise

If Ye Love Me
Cathedral Choir

arr. Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. C. Jason Borders

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 Lord Is My Shepherd from *Requiem*

John Rutter

Cathedral Choir

Dr. Caterina Bristol, Oboe

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth 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 comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***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 23:6, John 14:1-7; 18-19, 25-27

Sermon

Prosperity

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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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.

***Benediction**

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Peter Lutkin

Postlude

Tocatta in D Minor

J.S. Bach

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Mathews by their grandsons, Joe, Jud, and Bill Bryan.

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.

GIVING OPTIONS

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 office. If you are attending worship in-person, please place your tithes in the receptacles at the back of the sanctuary on your way out.

IN MEMORY OF

Patricia Laird Hitchcock

Respite Ministry: *Anne H. Harbin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweatt, Jean A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, Jr.*

Jeff Robert Respass

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Haynes*

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IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ramsey*

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Gail Stewart Shegon

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweatt*

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Elliott Ross MaMahan

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Judy Rutland Pratt

Sacred Arts: *Mr. Bunky Pratt*

IN HONOR OF Ministers of FUMC

Cathedral Builders: *Cathy Hawthorne*; Honor Gift: *Chrys Robbins, Nancy Butner, Louise Butner*

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Holcomb

Cathedral Builders: *Cathy Hawthorne*

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Kneisel

Hurricane Relief: *Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kline*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Molly Buss and Joseph Henderson

October 17, 2020

BIRTH

Tipton Smith Wilkerson

October 16, 2020

Son of Michael and Ginnie Wilkerson

NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Brenda Smith

October 18, 2020

The Smiths join us from a local congregation. Both Bob and Brenda are retired.

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Louis Neuhauser

March 23, 2020

SYMPATHY

To John and Sarah Margaret Price and Doug Smith upon the death of Sarah Margaret's and Doug's brother, *Robert Sellers Smith on September 26, 2020*

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