



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

OCTOBER 4, 2020
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

*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
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Prelude

VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH

Georg Böhm

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

***Processional Hymn**

Christ for the World We Sing

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Come, all who walk through dark valleys,
People: We will fear no evil, for God is with us.
Leader: May we together be made one,
People: For Christ and the Father are one!

***Invocation**

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

All: Gracious God, in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you grant us release from fear of evil. Refresh our souls with the living streams of your truth, that in our unity, your joy may be complete. 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.*

Reception 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.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

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**Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear****arr. Tom Trenney**Cathedral Choir
Tyrone Hayes, Soloist
Meg Griffin, Pianist

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you, I will make a way beside a flowing stream. Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you; My rod and staff to comfort and redeem. In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you. In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun. I will be the star that shines above to guide you, A light unto your path to lead you on. Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear. When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings. I will be joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings. When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need. Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed! Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

***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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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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

All are invited to come forward and receive the elements, take them back to your seats, and partake in them as a family for a time of prayer and meditation.

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*Amazing Grace****378**

1. *Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

3. *Through many dangers, toils, and
snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

4. *The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.*

5. *Yea, when this flesh and heart shall
fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.*

6. *When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

Benediction*Rev. Gillian L. Walters*****Benediction Response****Amen****arr. Hal Hopson****Postlude****Prelude in D Major, BWV 532****J.S. Bach**

The altar arrangement is given to the glory of God and in celebration of World Communion Sunday by the First United Methodist Church Flower Guild.

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

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDINGS

Adrian Borden and Russell Bush

September 26, 2020

Lilla Bea Granger and Reed McMullan

September 26, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Walter E. Weaver

September 26, 2020

Patricia Laird Hitchcock

September 29, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Carolyn and Bill Bryan and their family upon the death of Carolyn's sister, *Margaret Peddy Beck*; to Howard and Tami Brazil and their family upon the death of Howard's mother, *Lavanna Story Brazil*; and to Sandra and Gregg Lovin and their family upon the death of Sandra's mother, *Carolyn Lunsford*.

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