



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**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**  
Theologian in Residence

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
Director of Music

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
Bishop Alabama-West Florida  
Conference

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**  
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

**Dr. Jeff L. Wilson**  
District Superintendent  
Montgomery-Opelika and  
Montgomery-Prattville Districts

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

# MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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Prelude *There is a Happy Land* George Shearing

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 *I Come with Joy* 617

*1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.*

*2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

*3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.*

*5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.*

\*Call to Worship Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord.

People: All that we have belongs to God.

Leader: Therefore our hearts are glad,

People: And our souls rejoice!

\*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, our Lord, to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from worldly paths, our hands from shameful deeds, and our tongues from hateful words. Lead 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 *Arise, My Soul, Arise* arr. Dan Forrest  
James Seay, Tenor

**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**

*Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*  
Cathedral Choir

arr. Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

**\*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

**Habits of a Healthy Church Speaker**

Matt Ziemann

**Scripture Lesson**

Hebrews 10:19-25

**Sermon**

*Healthy Churches Gather Together and Persevere*

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

**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](mailto:ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org).*

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

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*1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

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*3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

**\*Benediction Response**

*Go in Peace*

arr. Hal Hopson

**Postlude**

*Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation”*

Claude Murphree

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James David Smith 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.

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### IN MEMORY OF

#### **Judy Rutland Pratt**

Sacred Arts: *Pat Mathis, Paula Mathis*

#### **Herman Franco**

Respite Ministry: *Pat Mathis, Paula Mathis, Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Elliott Ross McMahan**

Memorial Fund: *Pat Mathis, Paula Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Cheney Haugabrook*; ECDC: *Teague P. Beck, Nelson E. Mattern*

#### **Walter Edward Weaver**

Respite Ministry: *Faye Gregg*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Perdue*

#### **Walton Elizabeth Savage Skelley**

Bazaar Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kimbrough*

#### **Burke Fitzpatrick Chambers**

Respite Ministry: *Martha U. Knott*

#### **Roger Sherman Duggar**

Respite: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*;  
Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maxey*

#### **Susan Crow Bagwell**

Outreach Missions: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Daniel Rush Stallings, Sr.**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maxey*

#### **Gary Chester Williams**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Charles Fletcher Hyde**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Patricia Laird Hitchcock**

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, Mrs. Bonner Patrick*; Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. William Bigham, Mrs. John M. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Evans*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Chambless*

#### **Winifred "Wynn" Hall Harris**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Helen Rapp Rittenour**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Julia "Judy" Tucker Rhyne**

Building Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Margaret Ann Peddy Beck**

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee*

#### **Atwood Bullock Rush, Sr.**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Sid Coleman, III*

### IN HONOR OF

#### **Gretchen and Gaines McCorquodale**

Honor Gift: *Ann and Ben Coker*

#### **Clergy and Staff**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Mrs. Bonner Patrick*

#### **Mrs. Mallory Bear**

Respite Ministry: *Martha U. Knott*

#### **James Seay**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams*

#### **Josh Coble**

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### AROUND THE CONGREGATION

#### **WEDDING**

**Julie Dilisio and Charlie Holtsford**

*October 11, 2020*

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Jennifer, Barnes, Emilyn, and Harrison Trott**

*October 25, 2020*

We welcome Jennifer, Barnes, Emilyn, and Harrison Trott who join Bobby in membership. Jennifer comes to us from a local congregation. Barnes is in the 5th grade, Emilyn is in the 4th grade, and Harrison is in the 1st grade.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Janet Mock Gill**

*October 28, 2020*

**Frances Threadgill Ward**

*October 30, 2020*

**Thomas Winfrey Oliver V**

*November 1, 2020*

#### **SYMPATHY**

To Randy and Margaret McNeil and their family upon the death of Randy's sister, *Gail McNeil Williams*

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*If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact [pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org).*