



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**JANUARY 24, 2021**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND 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

*Offertoire*  
Dr. James Conely, Organist

arr. Joseph Jongen

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 Be Joyful in the Lord*

arr. Hal Hopson

\*Processional Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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*1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: For God alone our soul waits,

**People: For our hope is from God.**

Leader: God alone is our rock and our salvation;

**People: We shall not be shaken.**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: God of the prophets, you call us away from evil to serve you. Fulfill in us your commonwealth of justice and joy, that the light of your presence may be revealed to all nations and that we may respond when Jesus calls. 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.*

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****Lord, Here Am I**  
Cathedral Choir**arr. John Ness Beck**

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find my way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, 'Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.' Willing, my savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, 'Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.'*

**\*Doxology****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow****95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Children's Minute****Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

*At 8:45 only, children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 205 in Wesley Hall.*

**\*Scripture Lessons****Jonah 3:1-10; Mark 1:14-20****Sermon****Respond****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****Here I Am, Lord****593**

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:  
Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:  
Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:  
Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**\*Benediction****Rev. Ben A. McDavid****\*Benediction Response****Amen****arr. Edwin Smith****Postlude****Alleluia!****James Conely**

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roger Walter Condon III by Michelle Condon.*

*A nursery is provided during this service of worship for your convenience. The nursery can be found in Wesley Hall Room 202, accessed through the double doors on the pulpit side.*

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### **LITURGICAL SEASON: THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY**

The Season after Epiphany is a season of Ordinary Time, which includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The main focus of this season is the calling of the disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. The liturgical color is green.

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#### **IN MEMORY OF**

##### **Marion Pratt Nolan**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman, Crum Family Charitable Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Bell, Bonnie Bryson, Mr. Ben Coker, III and Dr. Ann Mountcastle, Michelle Condon*; Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker*; Missions Fund: *Barbara Johnston*

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#### **IN HONOR OF**

##### **Ann Longshore**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. David McCabe*

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### **AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

#### **SYMPATHY**

To Allison and Michael Ingram and their family upon the death of Allison's father, *Paul Alford*

#### **BIRTH**

**Magnolia May "Maggie" Neeley**  
*January 12, 2021*  
Daughter of Collier and Chelsea Neeley

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Everett Vinson Hutcheson, Jr.**  
*January 19, 2021*