



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

JANUARY 31, 2021
THE FOURTH 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

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

Introit

Choral Fanfare

arr. Hamilton Smith

*Processional Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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1. *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

2. *Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

3. *Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

4. *Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

*Call to Worship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: Jesus has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart;

People: Praise the Lord!

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy and awesome God, open our imaginations to new dimensions of your love, and heal us of all that severs us from you and one another, that being people that are redeemed, we may grow into the vision you unfold before us. 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.*

(11:00) 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

Thee We Adore
Cathedral Choir

arr. T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men afford! O may our souls forever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

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

Immortal, Invisible
Cathedral Choir

arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***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 host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Children's Minute

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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.

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

Redeem

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.

***Hymn of Invitation**

Amazing Grace

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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**

Dr. C. Jason Borders

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. John Rutter

Postlude

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cynthia "Cindi" Sullivan by her family.

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.

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.

IN MEMORY OF

Houston Wayne Gill

Organ Fund: *The Board of Chef Works, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Rosemary Blackmon, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon M. Rousso; Music Ministry: Mrs. Judy Duggar*

Robert E. L. Cope

Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Josephine Foshee*

Paul Warren Alford

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Olivia Martin and Bob Henderson

January 22, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Alvin Howard Dees, Jr.

January 24, 2021

Allison Van Hildreth

January 27, 2021

SYMPATHY

To Rosemary Blackmon and her family upon the death of her brother, *William Whittle*.

To George and Jessi Parker and their family upon the death of George's father, *William Marion Parker III*;

To the family of James Wyndall Bell upon his death on January 20. Jim served as a youth minister and associate minister at FUMC from 1970-1974.

To the family of Annella Trobaugh Smith upon her death January 22. Annella's late husband Rev. Johnnie Doyle Trobaugh was an associate minister at FUMC from 1960-1967.