



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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: PURPLE

Prelude

Oboe Concerto in C Minor
Derrick Muraya, Oboe
Josh Coble, Piano

by Domenico Cimarosa

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

arr. John Yarrington

***Processional Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. *For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; (Refrain)*

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. *For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)*

3. *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)*

4. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)*

5. *For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)*

6. *For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)*

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach us your paths.

Leader: Lead us in your truth,

People: And teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

***Invocation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **God of our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, that by the Holy Spirit, we may be keepers of your covenants. 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.*

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Wiley Oliver Steen III
Eloise Hudson Steen

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory

Like Noah's Weary Dove

arr. K. Lee Scott

Cathedral Choir

Derrick Muraya, Oboe

Like Noah's weary dove, that soared the earth around, But not a resting place above, The cheerless waters found. O cease, my wandering soul, On restless wing to roam; All the wide world, to either pole, Has not for thee a home. Behold the ark of God, Behold the open door; Hasten to gain that dear abode, And rove, my soul, no more. There, safe thou shalt abide, There, sweet shall be thy rest, And every longing satisfied, With full salvation blessed. And when the waves of ire Again the earth shall fill, The ark shall ride the sea of fire, Then rest on Zion's hill. The ark shall ride the sea of fire, Then rest on Zion's hill.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

HAMBURG

*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. Amen.*

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.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

Standing on the Promises: Noahide Covenant

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion

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Music During Holy Communion

Oboe Sonata in A Minor, TWV 41 No. 1

by Georg Philipp Telemann

Derrick Muraya, Oboe

Josh Coble, Piano

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**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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- 1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*
- 2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.*
- 3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.*
- 4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.*

***Benediction**

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. John Yarrington

Postlude

If You will Trust God to Guide You

J.S. Bach

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill Brittain and in honor of Chris Brittain on her birthday by Tammy and Jimmy Holcomb.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Eloise and Oliver Steen by their family.

Last Sunday's chancel flowers were given to the glory of God by Kate and Kevin Blanton, in loving memory of their deceased spouses; Greg duTreil and Sandra Jacob Blanton.

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: LENT

“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, lencten, meaning “spring.” The season of Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” even during Lent. Sunday is a time to remember and celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Christ teaches us how to die but, in dying, Christ taught us all how to live.
The liturgical color is purple.

**IN MEMORY OF
Robert E.L. Cope**

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, Joyce T. Mitchell*

Allison Van Hildreth

Respite Ministry: *The Tower Class, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kline, Mrs. Pat Norris, Mrs. Chris Brittain, David, Michael and Raymond Cohen, Dr. and Mrs. John Sumners, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dean, Mrs. Chrys Robbins*

Willard Flynn Murphy, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carter, Mrs. Chris Brittain*

James Clyde Fain

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richardson, Susan E. Inglis, Mr. Tom Norris, AmeriFirst Bank, Jane T. Horton, Mr. And Mrs. Tony Parker; Respite Ministry: Mrs. Chrys Robbins*

Clare Holmes Cardinal

Memorial Fund: *Mrs. John Stowers, Jr., Mrs. Forrest McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dowdle Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reid, Mr. Tom Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teel; Clare Holmes Bowman Garden: Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse, Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts*

Houston Wayne Gill

Music Ministry: *Perfect Fifth Quartet, Libby Norris*

Larry Dean Dixon

Respite Ministry: *Libby Norris, Dr. and Mrs. John Sumners*

Richard “Dicky” Ellie DuBose, Jr.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. Johnny Goff*

Jon Batton Terry

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jud Bryan*

Marion Pratt Nolan

Memorial Fund: *Virginia Noblin, Kathleen N. Wilkowske*

Shirley McDonald

Memorial Fund: *Virginia Noblin, Mrs. Carma W. Marks*

Alvin Howard Dees, Jr.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Sid Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyson, Virginia Noblin, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Bushman II*

IN HONOR OF

Anne Bowman Upchurch

Clare Holmes Bowman Garden: *Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts*

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bloch*

Mrs. Judy Duggar

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bloch*

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roper

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. John Sumners*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

SYMPATHY

To Susan Jemison and her family upon the death of her mother, *Rebecca Crawford Davis*; and to the family of Rev. *Thomas Lane Butts, Jr.* upon his death. Rev. Butts served as the senior minister at FUMC from 1976-1983.