



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
THE SECOND 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

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude

Sonata in G Minor, No. 1
Chin-Mei Li, Cello
Josh Coble, Piano

by G.F. Handel

Welcome and Parish Notices

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Introit

The Lord Is Near to Those Who Call upon Him

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*
2. *Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*
3. *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.*
4. *A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.*
5. *Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*
6. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Father Abraham had many sons,
People: Many sons had Father Abraham.
Leader: I am one of them, and so are you.
People: So let's praise the Lord!

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with you disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations to come. 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. Ben A. McDavid

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

Song of the Wanderer

arr. Dan Forrest

Cathedral Choir
Yu Wang, Violin
Chin-Mei Li, Cello

The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low; Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home. With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him? Does he hear the fragile song of creatures here below? He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring, Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing. He speaks, he hears us when we pray, Turns our nighttime into daylight Light, our Life, our King. Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain, Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain. Earth and sky, lay glory by – Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh! All creation bow to Him from whom all blessings flow! Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year with its golden light of love still shining ever clear. From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done, Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear; God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***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

Dr. C. Jason Borders

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 17:1-7, 15-16

Sermon

Standing on the Promises: Abrahamic Covenant

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

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Music During Holy Communion

Sérénade Mélancolique

by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Yu Wang, Violin
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**

The God of Abraham Praise

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1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

***Benediction**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Benediction Response**

The Lord Bless You

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Prelude "The New Commonwealth"

R. Vaughan Williams

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dr. Jay Cooper's birthday by his parents.

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

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Willard Flynn Murphy
Respite Ministry: *Sarah Boshell*

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IN HONOR OF
Dr. and Mrs. Eric Crum
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Anne Upchurch
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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISMS
Wiley Oliver Steen III
Eloise Hudson Steen
February 21, 2021
Children of Scott and Heather Steen

SYMPATHY
To Roger and Mollie Kemp and their family upon the death of Roger’s mother, *Virginia Shearin* and his sister, *Regina Peavy*