



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021
THE FIFTH 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

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2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Tyrone Hayes, Soloist

arr. Harold T. Burleigh

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

Praise the Lord

arr. Boyd Bacon

*Processional Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

2. *Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.*

3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;
People: **For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**
Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
People: **Praise the Lord!**

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: **Everlasting God, you give strength to the powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the sick and cast out evil. Make us agents of healing and wholeness, that your good news may resurge to the ends of your creation. 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.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Invitation to 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

Lord of the Small

arr. Dan Forrest

Cathedral Choir

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live, who’ve been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*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.

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

Release

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion

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**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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*1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make
me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just
now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence
humbly I bow.*

*3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power,
surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!*

***Benediction**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elaine McDonald by Charles McDonald.

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: *Mr. and Mrs. Vic Gajewski, The Forester Class*

Alvin Howard Dees, Jr

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Gid Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blitz, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy McClinton, Mrs. Josephine Foshee*

Ruby Riddick Gibson

Sacred Arts Ministry: *The Journey Class, Dr. and Mrs. Glen Bannister*

Clare Holmes Cardinal

Memorial Fund: *Mrs. Laura Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gill, Mr. and Mrs. John Chambless, Mr. and Mrs. Spears Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook; Clare Holmes Bowman Garden: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Holtsford, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Millsap; Respite Ministry: Mrs. Ann Blackmon*

Everett Vinson Hutcheson, Jr.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Collett; Respite Ministry: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage*

William Whittle

Sacred Arts: *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land*

Shirley McDonald

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry*

Jan Mock Gill

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Patricia Laird Hitchcock

Respite Ministry: *T. Porter*

Joyce Cummings Hobbs

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bear*

Larry Dean Dixon

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Temple Millsap, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bear, Dr. and Mrs. Glen Bannister*

Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman*

Richard "Dicky" Ellie DuBose, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bear*

Marion Pratt Nolan

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pearson*

Frances Threadgill Ward

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noble, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Higgins*

Robert E. L. Cope, III

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Walton A. Orr, Mrs. Katherine Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. George Hare, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blitz, Raymond, David and Michael Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bear, Rusty Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler, Dr. and Dr. Arthur Mazyck, Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwyn, Linda L. Wilson, Warren Simpsons, Janice Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Walker, Carl A. Barranco, Mrs. John S. Bowman*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BIRTH

Emma Lillian Donley

Daughter of Kim and Tim Donley

January 30, 2021

NEW MEMBER

Wade Gober

Wade joins his wife, Trish Gober, in membership by profession of faith.

IN MEMORIAM

James Clyde Fain, Jr.

January 28, 2021

SYMPATHY

To Doug and Debbie Irvin and their family upon the death of Doug's stepmother, *Lee Irvin*; and to Jack and Lisa Terry and their family upon the death of Jack's brother, *Jon Terry*