



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**MARCH 14, 2021  
THE FOURTH 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

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Prelude

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

George Shearing

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

*Be Still and Know That God Is Here*

arr. Clifford McCormick

\*Processional Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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1. *Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

2. *He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.*

3. *He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

4. *To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.*

\*Call to Worship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Leader: God does not violate God's covenants.

People: God's faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with us.

Leader: God is our Father,

People: And the rock of our salvation!

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy God of Israel, ever present and moving among your people, draw us near to you, that in place of hostility there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to 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.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Nicholas Sims Hines  
Son of Nicholas and Chandler Hines

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** *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* arr. Z. Randall Stroope  
Cathedral Choir

*When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold, then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God! When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of Heaven, and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray." Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God! Come dwell!*

**\*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. Jay D. Cooper  
*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** 2 Samuel 7:1-17

**Sermon** *Standing on the Promises: Davidic Covenant* Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

**Celebration of Holy Communion** *Musical Setting A* 17

**Music During Holy Communion** *Love Bade Me Welcome* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*from The Five Mystical Songs*  
Tyrone Hayes, Baritone

**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** *Blessed Assurance* 369

1. *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (Refrain)*

2. *Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)*

3. *Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*  
*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**\*Benediction** Dr. C. Jason Borders

**\*Benediction Response** Amen arr. Hal Hopson

**Postlude** *Introduction-Choral* Léon Boëllmann

*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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*The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Carl and Glenda Carol Hodge by Debbie and Doug Irvin.*

*The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Nicholas Sims Hines by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haigler Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lee Hines.”*

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**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.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**Rebecca Crawford Davis**  
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stanford*

**Douglas Victor Hubbard**  
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Spears Rhodes*

**Robert E. L. Cope**  
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reifenberg, Mr. and Mrs. William Haynes*

**Larry Dean Dixon**  
Respite Ministry: *Eloise P. Winfield*

**Alvin Howard Dean**  
Memorial Fund: *Mr. Tommy Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Trott*

**IN HONOR OF  
Gillian Walters**

United Methodist Children’s Home: *Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**BIRTH**

**Mckenzie Allen Henderson**  
*February 26, 2021*  
Daughter of Joseph and Molly Buss Henderson

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Whit Schroeder, Mallory Cassebaum, and Estelle Gann**  
Whit is a Financial Representative with Woodmen Life and joins us by transfer of membership from Shiloh Baptist Church, Sardis, AL. Mallory is the Operations Manager at Hodges Warehouse and Logistics and joins us by transfer of membership from Marion United Methodist Church, Marion, AL. Estelle is in kindergarten.