



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

**MARCH 21, 2021
THE FIFTH 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

Flute Sonata E-major BWV 1035, Siciliano
Alina Windell, Flute
Josh Coble, Piano

J.S. Bach

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 God, We Worship Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
People: And put a new and right spirit within us.
Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
People: And sustain in us a willing spirit.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **God of glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, that in life we may not stray from you, but may be your people. 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

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

Write Your Blessed Name

arr. K. Lee Scott

Cathedral Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Amen.

*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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

A New Covenant

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

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Music During Holy Communion

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Bradley Ellingboe

Cathedral Choir
Alina Windell, Flute

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to come forward during the Hymn of Invitation or to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble, ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

*Hymn of Invitation

Here I Am, Lord

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Refrain:

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*Benediction

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. Edwin Smith

Postlude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne

D. Buxtehude

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.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ellen and Spede Bryan by their family.

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

Clare Holmes Cardinal

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Michel Nicrosi*

Helen Lind Heydon

Music Ministry: *Karen Benton, Nadjia Coffin and Cynthia Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis*

Alvin Howard Dees

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Davis; Memorial Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rawlings, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis*

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Houston Wayne Gill

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chappell*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Linda McIntyre and Larry McLemore
March 13, 2021

BAPTISM

Nicholas Sims Hines
Son of Nicholas and Chandler Hines
March 14, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Dianne English McWilliams
Son of Nicholas and Chandler Hines
April 16, 2021