



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MARCH 7, 2021
THE THIRD 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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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major, BWV 1012, Allemande* J.S. Bach
Michael Zyzak, Cello

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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. James Seay

***Processional Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* 529

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*
2. *Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*
3. *When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*
4. *When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*
5. *The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*

***Call to Worship** Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: It revives the soul;

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,

People: O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

***Invocation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing: your word calls us forth; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* 881

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.*

(8:45) **Celebration of New Members** 38

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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

Amazing Grace

arr. Bruce Stevenson

Cathedral Choir

Michael Zyzak, Cello

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil; a life of joy and peace.*

*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. Amen.*

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.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon

Standing on the Promises: Mosaic Covenant

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

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Music During Holy Communion

Meditation

Jules Massenet

Michael Zyzak, Cello
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

How Great Thou Art

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*1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed. (Refrain)*

*2. When through the woods and forest glades
I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)*

*3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)*

*4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! (Refrain)*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

***Benediction**

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Clayton Moore

Postlude

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphree

The altar arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn G. Nolen, Patrick W. Wilbanks, Sr., and Jeannie Paige Lay by Larkin and Suzanne Nolen and their families.

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: *Ashley DuBose Ledbetter and Richard and Connally DuBose, Mr. and Mrs. and Patrick Thomason*

Marion Pratt Nolan

Memorial Fund: *Pat Mathis and Paula Mathis, Rev. and Mrs. Clark Hubbard*

Alvin Howard Dees, Jr.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hardwich;*
Building Fund: *Mrs. Susan Gammage;*
Clare Holmes Bowman Garden: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse*

Allison Van Hildreth

Respite Ministry: *Ramona Sue Smith, Dae Miller*

Rebecca Crawford Davis

IMPACT: *New Directions Sunday school class;* Altar Guild: *Linda McIntyre;* Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Cone*

Clare Holmes Cardinal

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey*

Houston Wayne Gill

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hardwich;*
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Larry Dean Dixon

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IN HONOR OF

Lloyd Strickland

Music Ministry: *Rosalyn Botts*

Respite Staff and Volunteers

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Glen Bannister*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Lind Heydon
February 26, 2021