



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

APRIL 11, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

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 Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

O Be Joyful

arr. John Yarrington

*Processional Hymn

O Church of God, United

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1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: As the Father sent Christ, we are sent also.

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen,

People: And yet have come to believe.

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Light of the world, shine upon us and disperse the clouds of our selfishness, that we may reflect the power of the resurrection in our life together. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

The 2021 Confirmation Class Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty who is holy, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who is perfect even when we are not. We believe that he is our Lord and Savior, and that He is compassionate and amazing in every way. We believe in the Holy Spirit that God has sent to move among us, and we can share that spirit with others.

*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. Lucas S. Tribble

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis
Susan Cooper, Soprano
Cathedral Choir

arr. Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Where there is despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light, where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

*Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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Children's Minute

Dr. C. Jason Borders

Service of Confirmation (11:00)

See Insert

Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

Fifty Acts of Kindness

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

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

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

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*1. Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.*

*2. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.*

*3. Up unto thee, our living Head,
let us in all things grow;
till thou hast made us free indeed
and spotless here below.*

*4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.*

*5. To thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in thee receive.*

*6. This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.*

Benediction

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

*Benediction Response

Amen

arr. John Yarrington

*Postlude

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 2021 Confirmation Class.

LITURGICAL SEASON: EASTERTIDE

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and the Day of Pentecost. The liturgical color is white.

THE 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kaci Dean Armistead
Martha Chandler Armstrong
Chapman Hardwich Baker
Derrick Lemar Birmingham
Bennett Elizabeth Britt
Georgia Lucie Pickett Brittain
Frances Jean Brooks
Curtis O'Gwyn Brown II

Eleanor Frances Callahan
Lillian Beatrice Cameron
Rhianna Avanni Carstarphen
Kate Lindsey Champion
Lilly Claire Crawford
Riley Earl Godwin
Matthew Reeves Hall
Elinor Grace Hines

Elizabeth Alford Ingram
Lucas Melvin Manderville
Matthew Blake Parnell
David Chapman Robertson
Anne Kingsley Elizabeth Shaul
Wiley Oliver Steen III
Jess Denson Veale
William Duncan Wakefield

IN MEMORY OF

Colonel Michael R. Keating

Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Ann Williams Wells Arant,
Susan Wells Drechsel*

Robert William Bradford, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Mr. Dan Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Cheney Haugabook, Aronov Realty Management, Mrs. Ethel Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Darnielle, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Broach, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blitz, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bailey, Mrs. Anne King, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Johnston, Jr., Mr. Bobby Segall, Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwyn, Col. And Mrs. David Franklin Roll, Mr. and Mrs. Jere Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Lamar, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackmon, Mrs. Warren Goodwyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dowdle, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Patton, Cathy Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman, Ball, Ball, Matthews and Novak, P.A., Mr. and Mrs. Ham Wilson, Nancy Grisham and Richard Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Steinberg, Dr. and Mrs. John Lightfoot, Mrs. Judy Duggar, Dr. Laurie Weil and Dr. Tommy Wool, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, Jr, Arthur Mead Britton Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lanoux; IMPACT: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abernethy**

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Music Ministry: *Jo McCoy*

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IN HONOR OF

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dart

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bloch*

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore

Honor Gift: *Mr. Ben Coker and Dr. Ann Mountcastle; IMPACT: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, Jr.*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BIRTH

Kennedy Grace Sparkman

Daughter of Daniel and Abby Sparkman
March 24, 2021

BAPTISMS

Anna Brooks Smith

Daughter of Bart and Rachel Smith
March 28, 2021

Lucy Elizabeth Walden

Daughter of Charlie and Elizabeth Walden
March 28, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Moncrief Umstead

March 17, 2021