



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

APRIL 18, 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude *Prelude on DUNEDIN* William H. Bates

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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place* arr. Lanny Wolfe

*Processional Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* 577

1. *God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

3. *Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

2. *Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

4. *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

People: **O that we might see some good!**

Leader: May we each have peace in God;

People: **For you alone, O God, make us have peace.**

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize Christ in the world. 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.*

Sacrament of Baptism (8:45)

Frances Lenoir Chesser
Daughter of Justin and Meredith Chesser

Evelyn Joy Whisenhunt
Daughter of Tom and Emily Whisenhunt

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Tipton Smith Wilkerson
Son of Michael and Ginnie Wilkerson

Celebration of New Members (11:00)

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. Gillian L. Walters

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

Be Thou My Vision
Meg Griffin, Soprano
Cathedral Choir

arr. Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Scripture Lesson

Acts 3:11-19

Sermon

Fifty Stories of Transformation

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**

He Lives

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***1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.***

***2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will
despair. I know that he is leading through all the
stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at
last. (Refrain)***

***Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives
today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's
narrow way He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?***

***3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice
and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the
King! The hope of all who seek him the help of all
who find; None other is so loving, so good and kind.
(Refrain)***

Benediction

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Peter Lutkin

***Postlude**

Prelude on DEO GRACIAS

Healy Willan

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Holifield Graydon, and in honor of Dorothy Jo Burford and Lynne Burford Blackwell, by Alice Rolan.

The 8:45 a.m. font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Frances Lenoir Chesser and Evelyn Joy Whisenhunt by Mr. and Mrs. Justin Chesser, Ruthie Chesser, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Faulkner, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Chesser, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Whisenhunt.

The 11:00 a.m. font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Tipton Smith Wilkerson by his family.

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.

IN MEMORY OF

William Robert Bradford, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sasser, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rawls, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Inscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Hill*

Thomas Bowen "Tommy" Hill, IV

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beck*

Shirley McDonald

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Burnham*

Dianne English McWilliams

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. David Herman, Dr. and Mrs. David Neeland, Leslie Harvey and Elizabeth Fetzer*

James Clyde Fain

Building Fund: *Mrs. Helen Geesey; Building Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Auman*

Allison Van Hildreth

Building Fund: *Mrs. Helen Geesey; Building Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Auman*

Larry Dean Dixon

Respite Ministry: *Jane Airey Wynn*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

NEW MEMBERS

Priscilla Tubbs

Priscilla is a retired teacher, and she joins us by profession of faith.

BAPTISMS

Kate Lindsey Champion

April 7, 2021

Derrick Lemar Birmingham

April 11, 2021

THE 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kaci Armistead	Lilly Crawford
Martha Armstong	Reeves Hall
Chapman Baker	E.G. Hines
Derrick Birmingham	Elle Ingram
B.B. Britt	Lucas Manderville
Pickett Brittain	Blake Parnell
Frances Brooks	Chapman Robertson
Wyn Brown	A.K. Shaul
Ellie Callahan	Oliver Steen
Lilybea Cameron	Jess Veale
Rhianna Carstarphen	William Wakefield
Kate Champion	
