



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**APRIL 25, 2021**

**THE FOURTH 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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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Prelude *Folk Tune* Percy Whitlock

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. Hal Hopson

\*Processional Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 57

1. *O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

3. *Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

5. *He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

2. *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

4. *He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

6. *Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

7. *In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is the good shepherd.

People: **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

Leader: Little children, let us love,

People: **Not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

### \*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. 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.*

### 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

**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**

***The Majesty and Glory of Your Name***

**arr. Tom Fettke**

Cathedral Choir

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of Him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, that You are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia!*

**\*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;***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Children's Minute**

**Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

***At the Name of Jesus***

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***1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.***

***2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he***

***3. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.***

***4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true.  
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.***

**Scripture Lesson**

**Acts 4:1-12**

**Sermon**

***Cornerstone Courage***

**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**

***Take My Life, and Let It Be***

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***1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to  
thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in  
ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them  
be swift and beautiful for thee.***

***2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my  
King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and  
use every power as thou shalt choose.***

***3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no  
longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall  
be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will  
be ever, only, all for thee.***

**Benediction**

**Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

**\*Benediction Response**

***Amen***

**arr. John Rutter**

**\*Postlude**

**ANTIOCH**

**Dale Wood**

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brownie and John Dean Gilder on the occasion of her birthday by their daughter and son-in-law, Jodee and Steve Schwartz.*

## 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.

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### IN MEMORY OF

#### **Dianne English McWilliams**

Memorial Fund: *Mrs. Hester Gordon and Mr. Cleve Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, Ashley and Laurens, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hughes*; Music Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell*; Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bob Beshear*  
Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ramsey*

#### **Robert William Bradford, Jr.**

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mrs. John Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McInnis, Mrs. Gretchen McCorquodale, Polly Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Beshear, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rawlings, Montgomery Country Club*

#### **Jean Moncrief Umstead**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hughes, Mary Anne Moorhead*

#### **Clare Holmes Cardinal**

Memorial Fund: *Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson*

#### **Gordon Cocking**

Respite Ministry: *The Powell Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church*

#### **Allison Van "Al" Hildreth**

Memorial Fund: *The 8:45 Usher Group*

#### **Priscilla Clark Clements**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sasser*

### IN HONOR OF

#### **Theda Tankersley and Chuck Ocheltree**

Respite Ministry: *Polly Williamson*

#### **Edwin Wilson Robinson, III**

Honorarium: *The Bradshaw Family*

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## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

### NEW MEMBERS

#### **Bunda Griswold**

Bunda is retired and comes to us from Equality United Methodist Church, Equality, Alabama.

#### **Tom McCabe**

Tom is retired and comes to us from Providence Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

### BAPTISMS

#### **Frances Lenoir Chesser**

*April 18, 2021*

Daughter of Justin and Meredith Chesser

#### **Evelyn Joy Whisenhunt**

*April 18, 2021*

Daughter of Tom and Emily Whisenhunt

#### **Tipton Smith Wilkerson**

*April 18, 2021*

Son of Michael and Ginnie Wilkerson

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **Maureen Curphey Brown**

*April 16, 2021*

#### **Walter Otha Griffin**

*April 21, 2021*

#### **Mary George Smith**

*April 21, 2021*

### SYMPATHY

To Beth and Billy Crum and their family upon the death of Beth's brother, *Bud Skinner*; and to the family of *Mary Ann Pickard* upon her death