



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MAY 2, 2021

**THE FIFTH 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 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* George Shearing

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 Worship the Lord* arr. Hal Hopson

*Processional Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 384

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,

People: Because love is from God;

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God,

People: And everyone who loves knows God.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God, you sent your Son into the world so that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love to whomever we encounter on our journey. 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 (11:00) Harrison Henig Trott

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 **With a Voice of Singing** **Martin Shaw**
Cathedral Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

***Doxology** **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** **94**

*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 **Dr. C. Jason Borders**
Children will remain in worship on the first Sunday of the month to participate in Holy Communion with their church family.

Presentation of the Senior Class of 2021 (11:00)

Scripture Lesson **Acts 8:26-40**

Sermon **50 New Members** **Dr. Jay D. Cooper**

Celebration of Holy Communion **Musical Setting E** **24**

Music During Holy Communion **Dr. Joshua H. Coble**

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** **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** **402**

***Benediction** **Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

***Benediction Response** **Amen** **arr. Clayton Moore**

***Postlude** **HYFRYDOL** **David Bednall**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Brittany Bryan by Bishop and Mrs. R. Lawson Bryan.

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 of the sanctuary.

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

Robert William Bradford, Jr.

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Bubba Armstrong*

Clare Holmes Cardinal

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes*

Col. Berry S. Johnson

Respite Ministry: *Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary, Philip E. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod J. Waites, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson*

Maureen Curphey Brown

Respite Ministry: *Mary Alice Browning, Charles Mandel, Karen Pirnie Funk, Jacob Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Kennamer, Gordy - Mead - Britton Foundation, Mrs. Judy Duggar, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marks, Seekers Sunday school class, Mary H. McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. Bubba Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Cole; Memorial Fund: Meredith Fox, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, the Charlie Brightwell Family Cathedral Builders: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*

Alvin Howard Dees, Jr.

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson*

Dianne English McWilliams

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson*

IN HONOR OF

Tipton Smith Wilkerson

Honorarium Gift: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnett*

Allison Inscoe Chandler

Organ Fund: *Mr. Thomas P. McCabe, Jr.*

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ocheltree

Respite Ministry: *Anne Tankersley Phillips*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

NEW MEMBERS

Sidney Carol Barnhardt

Sidney Carol is the Administrative Assistant to the FUMC – Montgomery Associate Ministers. She joins us by transfer of membership from First United Methodist Church, Monroeville, AL.

Clara Frances Jehle

Clara is retired from the Alabama Department of Archives and History. She joins us by transfer of membership from a local congregation.
