



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

JULY 4, 2021

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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. C. Mike Pearson
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Prattville District

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude

Dr. Joshua H. Coble

Words of Welcome

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

O Taste and See
Arranged by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Cathedral Choir
Ms. Meg Griffin, Soprano

*Processional Hymn

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

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*Call to Worship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: Great is the Lord,

People: Greatly to be praised is our God.

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, at times your prophets were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcomed. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith. 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

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Cathedral Choir

Composed by Johann Sebastian Bach
*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright,
drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying, round Thy throne.*

***Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology**

***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
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.***

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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.

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon

God's Sufficient Grace

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Procession of the Elements

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

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Music During Holy Communion

***Love Bade Me Welcome
from Five Mystical Songs***
Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Dr. James H. Seay, Soloist

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**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

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***Benediction**

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response**

Amen
Arranged by Edwin Smith

Cathedral Choir

***Postlude**

Dr. Joshua H. Coble

**Please stand as you are able.*

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and to acknowledge those who have protected our freedoms by serving in our armed forces.

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: ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time, which includes the season after Pentecost, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday celebrates one of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs, the reality of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
The liturgical color is green.

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Ann Miller

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Tim McInnis*

Linda Head Stolarczyk

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Sacred Arts Ministry: *The Forester Class, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner*

Mary George Whitehead Smith

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson*

Larry Dean Dixon

Respite Ministry: *Tricia Wool and Edward Munson, Jr.*

Lydia R. Johnson

Memorial Fund: *Tricia Wool and Edward Munson, Jr.*

James C. Johnson

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Robert William Bradford, Jr.

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

Maureen Curphey Brown

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Helen Rapp Rittenour

Memorial Fund: *Sissy and Rick Flynn*

Mary Ann Pickard

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If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.