



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

AUGUST 15, 2021

**THE TWELFTH 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

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

Praise the Lord
Arranged by Hal Hopson

Cathedral Choir

*Processional Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

*Call to Worship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

People: And God's righteousness endures forever.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Help those who receive Christ to be the body of Christ for the world, sharing the riches of his grace with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

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.***

UMH 70

Celebration of New Members (8:45)

UMH 38

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 **What Does the Lord Require?** **Cathedral Choir**
Arranged by Eric Nelson
What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law, so high? Let Christ endue our will with grace. How shall our life fulfill God's law? What does the Lord require? What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Do justice; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

***Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology** **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** **UMH 95**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Children's Minute **Dr. C. Jason Borders**
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 101 in Wesley Hall.

***Hymn of Preparation** **Blessed Assurance** **UMH 369**

Scripture Lesson **Ephesians 5:15-20** **NT 183**

Sermon **United in Wisdom** **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** **Be Thou My Vision** **UMH 451**

***Benediction** **Rev. Ben A. McDavid**

***Benediction Response** **Go in Peace** **Cathedral Choir**
Arranged by Hal Hopson

***Postlude** **Dr. Joshua H. Coble**

** Please stand as you are able.*

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marion Parker, Jim Poitevint and John David Stroud, Jr. by Mike and Melody Armstrong.

A nursery is provided during this service of worship for your convenience. The nursery can be found in Wesley Hall 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

Helen Rittenour Geesey

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ade, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Redditt*; Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Bell*
Cathedral Builders: *Sue Loftis, Claire Smith*

Clare Bowman Cardinal

Respite Ministry: *David, Michael and Raymond Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Kloewer*
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, Mrs. Shelia Starke*

Robert Cecil Newman

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ingram, Jr.*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

NEW MEMBERS

Baker and Lydia Allen

Baker joins us by transfer from Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL and Lydia joins us by transfer from Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL. Baker is the Director of Policy and Research at the Alabama League of Municipalities and Lydia is a dyslexia interventionist at JUMP Reading.

Philip Thompson

Philip joins us by transfer from All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, GA. Philip is an interior designer and event planner at P.K. Thompson Interiors.

SYMPATHY

To Chris and Ivy Echols and their family upon the death of Chris' father, *Calvin Echols*

BIRTH

Leonidas James Walters
August 11, 2021
Son of Gillian and Charles Walters

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