



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**THE SIXTEENTH 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
Alabama-West Florida
Conference Bishop in Residence

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. C. Mike Pearson
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Prattville District

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *Préambule* 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 *Choral Fanfare* Cathedral Choir
Arranged by H. Hamilton Smith

*Processional Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

*Call to Worship Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern
Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
People: **Who walk in the way of the Lord.**
Leader: God's Word is a lamp unto our feet,
People: **And a light unto our path.**

*Invocation
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: **O Lord of Light, you know our name and lead us through our darkness. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk on paths that lead to life. 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 UMH 70
*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.*

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 Lord Is My Shepherd*****Cathedral Choir**

Arranged by Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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**Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

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.

Act of Praise***Immortal, Invisible*****Cathedral Choir**

Arranged by Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***Gospel Lesson**

**John 10:1-10
Deuteronomy 5:32-33**

NT 97**Sermon*****Four Steps Toward Abundant Life*****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**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*****UMH 89*****Benediction****Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern*****Benediction Response*****Amen*****Cathedral Choir**

Arranged by John Rutter

Postlude**Trumpet Voluntary*****Dr. Joshua H. Coble**

* Please stand as you are able.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Broach and in loving memory of Charles Bradshaw, celebrating their birthday on September 11th, and in memory of Paul Klein, given by Katie, Austin, and Beverly Bradshaw.

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: *Mrs. Gaynell Dixon*

Robert William Bradford, Jr.

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kyser*

Morgan Heumann Bell

Youth Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kline*

Wyndol Murrah

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, Jr., Mrs. Chrys Robbins, the Forester Class, Mrs. Judy Duggar, the Tower Class*

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schwartz, Mrs. Pat Norris*

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore*

Sacred Arts Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

SYMPATHY

To Mary Hampton and her family upon the death of her brother, *Geoffrey Hampton*

To Joan Beasley and her family upon the death of her step-father, *John Vaughn*

To Lee and Teppy Dowdy and his family upon the death of his sister, *Emily Louise Dowdy*

IN MEMORIAM
Carl Paul Klein III
September 3, 2021