



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**THE SEVENTEENTH 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

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Prelude *Fugue in a minor, BWV 543* Dr. Joshua H. Coble  
Composed by J.S. Bach

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 *Light Dawns for the Righteous* Cathedral Choir  
Arranged by Hal Hopson

\*Processional Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 545

\*Call to Worship Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern

Leader: See what love God has given us,  
People: **That we should be called children of God;**  
Leader: And that is what we are,  
People: **Members of God's family.**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
All: **God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength, that, as we learn to walk your pathways of justice and mercy, your rule may come as blessing. 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****O God Beyond All Praising**  
Arranged by Richard Proulx**Cathedral Choir**

*O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown – though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown; for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: to marvel at beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

**\*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 hosts;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**UMH 95****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.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation*****I Am Thine, O Lord*****UMH 419****\*Gospel Lesson****Matthew 5:1-12****NT 4****Sermon*****Why Membership Matters*****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](mailto:ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org).*

**\*Hymn of Invitation*****Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*****UMH 402****\*Benediction****Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern****\*Benediction Response**

***Amen***  
Arranged by James Seay

**Cathedral Choir****\*Postlude**

***Toccata***  
Composed by Eugène Gigout

**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 Dr. Roger Duggar by his family.*

*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.

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**IN MEMORY OF  
Charles "Bo" Freeman**

Respite Ministry: *Answered Prayer Home Care*

**Carl Paul Klein, III**  
Sacred Arts: *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land*

**Wyndol Murrah**  
IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Robbins*

**Dr. David Roberts**  
Respite Ministry: *Harbor Light Sunday School class*

**Clement Trantum Fitzpatrick, II**  
Respite Ministry: *Katherine Blanton*

**IN HONOR OF  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hampton**  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kline*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**SYMPATHY**

To Diane and John Carpenter and their family upon  
the death of Diane's mother, *Betty Ballard*

To Jim and Elmore Inscoe and their family upon the  
death of Jim's brother, *Grady Cooke Inscoe*

**BIRTH**

**Diana Ruth Wheaton**

*September 14, 2021*

Daughter of Natasha and Henry Wheaton

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