



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

THE FIFTEENTH 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

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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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

**O Taste and See**  
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Cathedral Choir  
Meg Griffin, Soprano

\*Processional Hymn

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

UMH 57

\*Call to Worship

Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.  
**People: They are like trees planted by streams of water.**  
Leader: Be at peace to follow the good road,  
**People: For the Lord watches over us on the way.**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
**All: Generous God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

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****Lord, Here Am I****Cathedral Choir**

Arranged by John Ness Beck

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find my way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, 'Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.' Willing, my savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, 'Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.'*

**\*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****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.*

**\*Gospel Lesson****Luke 14:25-33**

NT 73

**Sermon*****The Cost of Discipleship*****Rev. Lucas S. Tribble****Procession of the Elements****Celebration of Holy Communion*****Musical Setting A***

UMH 17

**Music During Communion****Cathedral Choir*****The Summons***

arr. John Bell

***Eat This Bread***

Composed by Jacques Berthier

***O Lord, Hear Our Prayer***

Composed by Jacques Berthier

**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*****Here I Am, Lord***

UMH 593

**\*Benediction****Katy Pass, Pastoral Intern****\*Benediction Response*****Amen***

Arranged by Hal Hopson

**Cathedral Choir****\*Postlude****Dr. Joshua H. Coble***\* Please stand as you are able.*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Will, Maryanna, Libba, and Anne Hollin Jackson by Lucy and Bill Jackson.*

*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

**Helen Rittenour Geesey**

Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook*; Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternberg*; Building Fund: *Jan Gill*  
Kitchen Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Adams Hudson*; Missions Ministry: *Tut Barnes*

**Clare Bowman Cardinal**

Memorial Fund: *Tut Barnes*

**Jay and Lydia Johnson**

Memorial Fund: *Stephen Miller*

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### AROUND THE CONGREGATION

#### NEW MEMBERS

**Thomas, Sarah, Worth, and Ava Glover**

The Glovers join us by transfer from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama. Thomas works in Network Operations at Cigna Medicare and Sarah is an attorney at Maynard, Cooper, & Gale. Worth is in 1st grade and Ava is in Pre-K at a local school.

#### SYMPATHY

To Bob and Lynn Beshear and their family upon the death of Bob's sister, *Nancy Kweik*

#### WEDDING

**Savannah Griffin and Dalton White**  
*August 28, 2021*

#### BIRTH

**John William "Jack" Bonham**

*August 27, 2021*

Son of Elizabeth and Davis Bonham

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