



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 17, 2021

THE TWENTY-FIRST 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**  
Minister of Congregational Care

**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

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

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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Prelude *Andante religioso* Felix Mendelssohn

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 Be Joyful* Cathedral Choir  
Arranged by Hal Hopson

\*Processional Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66

\*Call to Worship Rev. Ben A. McDavid  
Leader: Let us gather in the shelter of God's presence.  
People: **Let us bless the Lord, for God has wondrously shown us steadfast love.**  
Leader: God is indeed our rock and our refuge.  
People: **God guides us and leads us.**

\*Invocation  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
All: **God our Wisdom and our Guide, you show us the paths to growth and abundant life. Be our rock and our fortress, that no matter what befalls us, you shall be our refuge. 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.*

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** *How Firm a Foundation* Cathedral Choir  
Arranged by Tom Trenney  
*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

**\*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 may be picked up at the close of worship in Room 101 in Wesley Hall.*

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

**\*Gospel Lessons** *Matthew 7:24-29* NT 7

**Pathways Speaker** Adam Whitley

**Sermon** *Growing and Bearing Fruit; Hearers and Doers* 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** *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

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

**\*Benediction Response** *Amen* Cathedral Choir  
Arranged by Hal Hopson

**\*Postlude** *Darwall's 148th* Percy Whitlock

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Thomas, Jr. and in honor of Carol Thomas by Ella Gaines and Frank Thomas III.*

*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**

**Jean Elizabeth Baranowski**

Memorial Fund: *Department of English and Philosophy at Auburn University at Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levitz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Smith, Jr., Darren and Julie Harris-Fain*; Music Ministry: *Broni Baranowski*; Congregational Care: *Broni Baranowski*

**Helen Rittenour Geesey**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haulman*

**Junera Reese Stone**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reese*

**Wyndol Murrah**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Bush*

**IN HONOR OF**

**Bob Northcutt**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Karen Northcutt and Baxter*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**SYMPATHY**

To Jack Evans and his family upon the death of his sister,  
*Charlotte Copley*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Frank Sheran Parquette Sr.**  
*October 12, 2021*

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