



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 14, 2023
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 Audrey R. Rodgers
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
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. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant
Director of Music

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan
Bishop in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Alabama-West Florida Conference
Presiding Bishop

Dr. C. Mike Pearson
District Superintendent
Demopolis/Montgomery-Prattville
Districts

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2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude

Adagio e Tarantella
By E. Cavallini

Jordan Cutchens, Clarinet
Dr. Joshua H. Coble, Piano

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
Arranged by H. Hamilton Smith

Cathedral Choir

*Processional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*Call to Worship

2nd Century Christian Chant

Luv DuBose, Director of
Youth Programs & Missions

Leader: Christ is risen: the world below is in ruins.

People: Christ is risen: the spirits of evil are fallen.

Leader: Christ is risen: the angels of God are rejoicing.

People: Christ is risen: the tombs are void of their dead.

Leader: Christ is indeed arisen from the dead, the first of the sleepers.

People: Glory and power are his forever and ever.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Living and gracious god, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have led us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all your people. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

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.*

Celebration of New Members (11:00)

UMH 38

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Dr. C. Jason Borders

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Now, as forgiven people, let us stand and offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Offertory

Jesus Calls Us
By Joy Patterson

Cathedral Choir
Mabs Seay, Soloist
Jordan Cutchens, Clarinet

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea; Day by day his voice is sounding, saying “Christian, follow me!” Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying “Christian, love me more!” In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!” Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all!

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology**

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Children’s Minute

Miles Barnhardt, Director of Youth Ministry

Children will remain in worship to participate in Holy Communion with their church family.

***Gospel Lesson**

John 14:15-21

NT 103

Sermon

We Rise Together: Signs of a Resurrected People
Obedience

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Procession of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting E

UMH 24

Music During Communion

If Ye Love Me
Arranged by Philip Wilby

Cathedral Choir

Alleluia, Alleluia

UMH 162

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble, ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

***Hymn of Invitation**

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

***Benediction**

Rev. Audrey R. Rodgers

***Benediction Response**

Amen
Arranged by Hal Hopson

Cathedral Choir

Postlude

Jubilate
By Roy Douglas

Dr. Joshua H. Coble

**Please stand if you are able.*

*A nursery is provided during this service of worship for your convenience.
The nursery can be found on the first floor of the Children's Building.*

*Hospitality rooms streaming the service are available in the McDavid Reception Room off the Sanctuary
and in the Bryan Friendship Room in the Fellowship Hall Building.*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Haden and Curtis H. Springer Jr.
by their children and grandchildren.*

*The cross on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in memory of Emmie Jeane Waller Strickland and
Linda Carter Gill by their families.*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

NEW MEMBERS

**Joshua, Tanner, and
Charles Stemle**

Miles Barnhardt

**Brad, Adeyela, Bree, and
Brooke Bennett**

Jalen Cutchens

Broni Baranowski

BAPTISM

Robert Norris Bushman
May 7, 2023

IN MEMORIAM

Josephine "Jo" Crowe Shipp
September 19, 1932-May 5, 2023

SYMPATHY

To Michelle and David Mowery and their family upon the death of Michelle's father, *Robert George*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES TO KNOW

The Great 50 Day Challenge

Visit fumcmontgomery.org/great50days to see opportunities and sign up!

Sunday, June 4

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Assembly begins!

Sunday, June 4-Wednesday, June 7

Vacation Bible School

Faith Stories of Unsung Bible Heroes

Monday, June 12-Friday, June 16

Kids Music and Theatre Arts Camp

Scan the QR code to sign up for these events,
visit our website, subscribe to emails, and more!

