



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TEN O'CLOCK

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Dr. Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

- Prelude** *Prélude* Dr. Joshua H. Coble
By César Franck
- 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** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Cathedral Choir
Arranged by Dan Bird Mabs Seay, Soloist
- *Processional Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62
- *Call to Worship** From Psalm 149 Dillon Bryars, Pastoral Intern
Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Sing to the Lord a new song.
Leader: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
People: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- *Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: O God of our ancestors, as we gather to break the bread, we remember that through the blood of the Lamb you redeemed us and made us pass over from death to new life. Grant that, as we celebrate your mighty deeds, we may be one with Jesus in offering you this sacrifice of praise. 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** UMH 38
- Concerns of a Caring Fellowship** Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
- 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

Festival Piece on ST. ANNE

Cathedral Choir

Arranged by Eugene Butler

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame from everlasting thou art God to endless years the same. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun. Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away, they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day. O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home! Amen!

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology**

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 are welcome to remain in worship or attend Children’s Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 207.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon

***When God Makes a Way:
Step to the Table***

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Procession of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Celebration of Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

Music During Communion

For Everyone Born
Arranged by Tom Trenney

Kate Berry, Soprano

Who at My Door Is Standing?
Arranged by K. Lee Scott

Cathedral Choir

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

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

*Benediction

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

*Benediction Response

Amen
Arranged by Edwin Smith

Cathedral Choir

Postlude

Music for a Ceremony
By Alfred V. Fedak

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 honor of John Douglas Yelverton, Jr.'s birthday,
September 12th and in memory of his life by his wife, sister, children, & grandchildren.*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

SYMPATHY

To Johnny and Mary Dunn and their family upon the death of Johnny's sister, *Lucy Jane Dunn Daniel*

Sunday, September 17

Happy 194th Birthday, FUMC!

During 10:00 a.m. worship, we will renew our membership vows together as United Methodists. Our three year olds will receive their worship bags, and our third graders will receive their new Bibles. After worship, we will gather on the front lawn to recognize new trees for future United Methodists.

Sunday, September 24

Music and Worship Dedication

Our Children's, Youth, and Handbell Choirs will be joining us for an exciting service in celebration of music and worship!

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Sunday, October 1

Organ Recital

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with organist, Dr. Joshua H. Coble.
Featuring works by Guilment, Mendelssohn, Bruhns, and Widor.

Scan the QR code to sign up for Bible studies,
visit our website, see the Tower Chimes, and more!

