

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dothan, Alabama

Senior Pastor, Dr. James B. Sanders, III

Ministers, All Members of First Church



## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2010

Eight Fifty-five and Eleven O'clock

### THE WORDS OF MEDITATION

The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost our money. ~ J.H. Jowett.

### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Dr. Aesook Lim

### THE PRELUDE

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Composer: Sondra K. Tucker

### THE GREETING

Dr. Jim Sanders

### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**They were hungry and thirsty;  
their spirits languished within them.**

In their trouble they cried to the Lord,  
who delivered them from their distress.

**For God satisfied the thirsty  
and filled the hungry with good things.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
**whose mercy endures forever!**

(adapted from Psalm 107)

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 73

*"O Worship the King"*

### THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTED CHURCH LEADERS

**Pastor:** Dear Friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in our church. This leadership ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting this obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to our people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work. Do you reaffirm your commitment to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Leaders:** We do.

**Pastor:** Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

**Leaders:** We will.

**Pastor:** Will you so live that you will enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

**Leaders:** We will.

**Pastor:** Will you do all in your power to lead our family of faith in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

**Leaders:** We will.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Congregation:** Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular leadership ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are being accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN - 314

*"In the Garden"*

✦ **At the 8:55 service**, children ages 4 and above are invited to Rock Solid Celebration at the conclusion of the Deeper 2010 video. Join us for a time of worship through songs, skits, and games. After the service, 4 year olds and K can be picked up in room 1117; 1st through 5th graders may be picked up in the Rainbow Room. Children not picked up by their parents will be accompanied to their Sunday School classrooms.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Lynn Smilie Nesbitt (8:55)

The Reverend Sterling Boykin (11:00)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible New Testament Page 74)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

THE PROCLAIMED WORD

***The Facts of Life***

Dr. Jim Sanders

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Lord, all that we have has come as a gift from you – our lives, our families, our futures. Yet we tend to treat your gifts as our possessions. We grab and grasp, hold and hoard. Give us one more gift, gracious God. Give us a sense of proportion, an awareness of what is important in life. Help us to put things in their proper perspective, to see our lives as your gifts, to cling to the things that last, rather than the things that pass away. All this we ask in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

## THE PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Reverend Daniel Bailey

## THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with things;  
for believing we would be happy if we only had  
more;  
for neglecting family in the pursuit of advancement;  
for giving low priority to the kingdom of God;  
for judging right and wrong on the basis of profit;  
for pampering the body while starving the soul.  
Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with things,  
and enable us to seek first your kingdom with your  
righteousness; in the name of our Savior. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

## THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Pastor:** Hear the good news. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All:** Glory to God. Amen!

## THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

✦ All are welcome. Print your name and address as you pass the Friendship Folder from the center to the side aisle. When it reaches the end of the pew, pass it back to the other side noticing the names of others. After the service, please greet them and introduce yourself.

## THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*“In The Shadow of Your Wings”*

Composer: John Leavitt

Adult Choir; Dr. Roben Ash, Oboe

### \* THE DOXOLOGY - 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Dr. Jim Sanders

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.* (No. 17)

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.* (No. 18)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen, Amen, Amen.* (No. 18)

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE AGNUS DEI

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.* (No. 30)

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Assisting: Reverend Allie Freeman, Mr. Bob Kirkby

✦ The offering left at the communion rail this morning will benefit the In Christ's Name Fund.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Aesook Lim

THE PRAYER

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world**

**in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves to others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\* THE HYMN OF INVITATION - 577

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

\* THE BENEDICTION

\* THE PEACE

The peace be always with you.

**And also with you.**

✦ *The people offer each other signs of God's peace.*

\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*"Deep and Wide"*

***Deep and wide***

***Deep and wide***

***There's a fountain flowing deep and wide***

***Deep and wide***

***Deep and wide***

***There's a fountain flowing deep and wide***

\* THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on *"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*

Composer: Gordon Young

\* Congregation stand as able.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Devices for the hearing impaired** are available in the box located in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Worship Packets for children** age 4 through 5th grade are available in the Narthex. These packets are designed to enhance your child's worship experience. Please return these packets to the Narthex at the end of the service.
- **Copies of the church's newsletter are available** in the Narthex, Heritage Hall Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall, and at The Gathering in the Parlor or at [www.fumcdothan.org](http://www.fumcdothan.org).
- **You can sign up to receive a name tag** at the Heritage Hall Welcome Center. Lanyards and clips are available there as well.
- **Our 11:00 worship service is broadcast** each Sunday morning from our website at [www.fumcdothan.org](http://www.fumcdothan.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fall Bible Studies** We are in the process of planning our Fall Schedule. We anticipate a wide range of Bible Studies: women's studies, Disciple studies, men's studies, something for newlyweds, and family conversations are some of the groups we are currently considering. What would you like to see the church offer? Please contact Sterling Boykin at 793-3555 in the church office or by email at [sterling@fumcdothan.org](mailto:sterling@fumcdothan.org). Fall studies will begin Tuesday, September 7.

**Church Directory** Sign up sheets are in the Parlor this morning for you to make an appointment to have your pictures taken. Today is the LAST day for sign-ups. People who have not signed up will be contacted by Olan Mills to set your appointment. Please note that these calls will come from their offices, so look for a 423 area code on your caller ID. Questions? Call or email [mike@fumcdothan.org](mailto:mike@fumcdothan.org) or [terri@fumcdothan.org](mailto:terri@fumcdothan.org).

**Adult Choir** will resume rehearsals this Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 in the Choir Room. We will begin preparing for a great musical event, "*Sing Praise to the Lord*" a modern musical exploration of the Psalms. All are invited to join us for this event, which will take place on September 26 in the morning sanctuary services.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** The "Blessing of the Backpacks" is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, after Fellowship Supper. This will be a celebration for children, youth, parents, and teachers.

## YOUTH NEWS

**August 1:** Our Sr. High youth and counselors are on the Noah's Ark Retreat tonight, so meet us for UMYF next week.

**August 8: New Fall Schedule Starts** Come for CrossFlame Youth Choir at 4:30 for students in grade 6-12, and UMYF from 5:15 to 7:00. Bring \$3 for Snack Supper.

**August 11:** Youth Bible Studies resume.

**August 15: Back-to-School Progressive Dinner** Since you're going back-to-school, we're doing a reverse progressive dinner. That means we start with dessert! If you're interested in hosting a home for dessert, main course, or appetizers, please call Leisa in the Youth Office at 793-3555, ext. 300. (Choir will meet at 4:30, prior to the dinner). There is no cost.