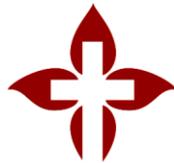


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation Sunday  
April 28, 2019  
Eleven O'clock*

*As you enter this holy space and begin to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here,"  
you are encouraged to use these moments to become aware of the quiet places within  
so that you are ready to worship God. Please silence your cell phones.  
Come, let us worship God.*



### *Entrance and Praise*

#### **Greeting in the Name of Christ**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

#### **Voluntary**

*Alleluia, Alleulia*

William Byrd

#### **Call to Worship**

Have you heard the news the women brought?

**The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!**

Have you heard the story Peter told?

**The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!**

Let us journey the road of faith together,  
ready for God to surprise us once more.

**The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

from *Call to Worship*

Jack Carter

#### **\* Entrance Hymn No. 308**

*Thine Be the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Please wait to stand when indicated.*

#### **Opening Prayer**

O God, whose presence is veiled from our eyes:

**Grant that when we do not recognize you, our hearts may burn within us, and that  
when feeling is lost, we may cling in faith to your Word and the power of bread  
broken in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

Katherine Dent

#### **Children's Moment**

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.*

Rev. Julia Norman

*After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room  
and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

# Proclamation and Response

## Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Daniel Iverson, OneLicense.net #A-712041*

## Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

## First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Wes Flourney, Stebin Horne,  
Katherine Dent, Zoe McAfee, Alice Rauls

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Stewart Vernon, Zoe McAfee, Alice Rauls

## \* Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*How Do We Get to "Yes"?*

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

## Offering of our Tithes and Gifts *Joy to the Heart*

K. Lee Scott

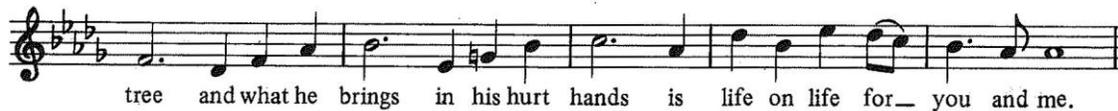
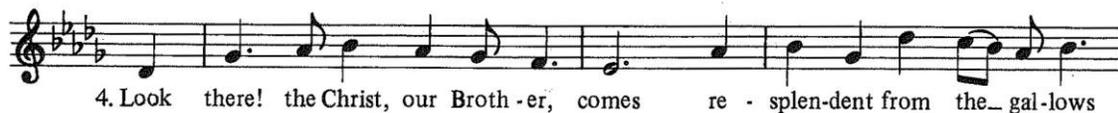
Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

*Refrain: Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope. *Refrain*

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity. *Refrain*

*Please stand and sing with the choir:*



# *The Service of Confirmation*

## **Introduction to the Service**

### **Presentation of Candidate for Baptism**

Chase Elaine Kiernan

### **Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation**

Jack Hampton Carter  
Katherine Elizabeth Dent  
Wesley Alexander Flournoy  
F. Stebin Horne IV  
Chase Elaine Kiernan  
Caroline Zoe McAfee  
Alice Elizabeth Rauls  
Stewart Croswell Vernon  
Laura McCutchen Wilson

#### Mentors

Wesley Rauls  
Keena McClure  
Baxter James  
Bill Jarrard  
Karen Carter  
Clare Rauls  
Mary Charles Dunn  
Eric Hefner  
Christi James

### **Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and include the candidates now before you  
in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround the candidates with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **\* Affirmation of Faith**

Stebin Horne

#### **Confirmation Class 2019 Creed**

**We believe God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things.  
Out of His love, He created us.  
He is Father of all nations and divine teacher.  
He sent Jesus down to earth to help us and save us from our sin.**

**We believe Jesus is Redeemer, Savior, and the Son of God.  
Out of His Love, He died for us on the cross and rose from the dead.  
He sits at the right hand of God and will come again in glory.  
He and God sent the Spirit to be with us always.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit is the giver of life and Spirit of God.  
The Spirit is the divine presence in our lives and helps us come to know God more.**

**We are the Church, the Body of Christ in the world today.  
We gather to worship God who brings us together.  
With the Spirit's help, and out of our love for God,  
we work to not sin as a sign of our changed lives. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

### **Baptism with Laying on of Hands**

Members of the household of God, we commend Chase to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Now it is our joy to welcome Chase, our new sister in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

### **Confirmation with Laying on of Hands**

### **Reception into The United Methodist Church**

### **Reception into the Local Congregation**

### **Congregational Commendation and Welcome**

Members of the household of God, we commend our newest members to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### **Blessing**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

## *Sending Forth*

### **\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

### **\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 593**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM. LORD

### **\* Benediction**

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

### **\* Congregational Response**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

*Please feel free to remain seated for the closing voluntary.  
If departing, please be sensitive to those remaining for the concluding music.*

### **Closing Voluntary**

*Galliard battaglia*

Samuel Scheidt

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*



*Bishop R. Lawson Bryan*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor*

*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children*

*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*

*Musicians: Ainsworth Choir; Yanbin Chen, trumpet; Geoff Wood, trumpet; Andrew Sehmman, horn; Kyle Moore, trombone; Chris Gurtcheff, tuba; Marcus Reddick, timpani; and Caleb Esmond, organ*

*Jack Carter, Katherine Dent, Wes Flournoy, Stebin Horne,*

*Zoe McAfee, Alice Rauls, and Stewart Vernon, Liturgists*

*Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte*

*Davis Uren, Crucifer*

*Zoe McAfee & Laura Wilson, Candlelighters*

*Mildred Howard, Children's Church Leader*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Lucy Hall Gordon by her son, Don R. Gordon.*

### **Bishop R. Lawson Bryan**

We welcome Bishop R. Lawson Bryan to our pulpit this morning. Bishop Bryan serves as episcopal leader of the South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church. Elected bishop July 14, 2016, at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference's quadrennial meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C., he began serving as South Georgia's resident bishop on September 1, 2016.

Bishop Bryan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University and a doctorate in ministry from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is married to Sherrill, and their son Philip and daughter-in-law Brittany, along with their grandson, John Phillip Bryan, Jr., reside in Alabama.

Bishop Bryan is passionate about people owning their identities as being "alive together in Christ," from Ephesians 2:5.

Today's special music is funded by support from the Crocket Odom Music Fund, the Ed and Pree Sell Music Fund, the Elsie Hambright Music Fund, Tom and Julie McAfee, Carolyn T. McAfee, and the E. L. Brooking Tree of Life Fund.

### *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed.

Nursery Care is available for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and find us on Facebook.

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.