

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019
Nine 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.*



Gathering and Praise

Voluntary

The Day of Resurrection

Charles Callahan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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*

Marilyn Armstrong

* **Hymn No. 303**

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

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*

Marilyn Armstrong

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.

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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

Marilyn Armstrong

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

*** 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

*** Hymn No. 308**

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*** Affirmation of Faith No. 888**

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

*** Doxology**

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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.

Sending Forth

*** Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

*** Hymn No. 310**

He Lives

ACKLEY

*** Benediction**

** 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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Marilyn Armstrong, Lay Reader*

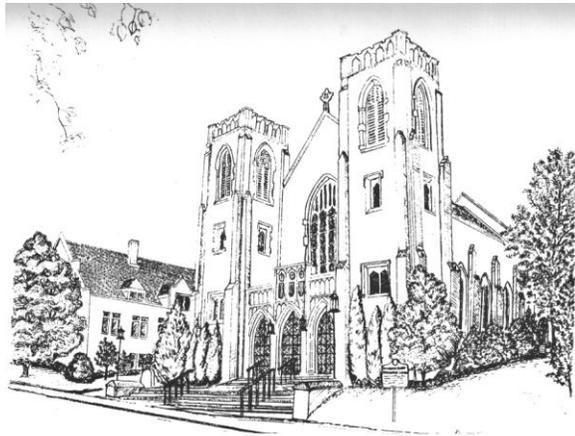
The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of all the past saints of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

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.



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 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>.