

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 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

Elegy

Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

Waylon Miller

We gather to share in the gospel of Christ: **to lean on the story of God's great love.**

We gather to answer the call of Christ: **to walk the road that leads to a cross.**

We gather to be the body of Christ: **to serve the one who is our Head.**

We gather to follow the way of Christ: **to sing praises to our God!**

from Call to Worship

* **Entrance Hymn No. 126**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Opening Prayer

from Psalm 51:15-17

Waylon Miller

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart,

O God, you will not despise. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

*Children exit for Children's Church during the Congregational Prayer for Illumination
and can meet Rev. Norman at the side exit to the Sanctuary. K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church
in the prayer room. They will be escorted back to the sanctuary to receive communion and return to their families.*

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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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Nita Smith

Psalm

Psalm 126

When God First Brought Us Back

WAYFARING STRANGER

When God first brought us back from exile, we were as dazed as those who dream.
Then were our mouths brimming with laughter; joy from our lips gushed like a stream.
The godless cried in envious wonder, "Look what the Lord has done for them!"
Indeed our God has greatly blessed us; rejoice and sing, Jerusalem!

Once more, O Lord, restore your people; come with your saving help again,
as to the brook-beds in the desert you bring the sweet, reviving rain.
Let those who sow with tears and sowing sing as they reap and joy proclaim:
may those who weep when seed is scattered gather their sheaves and praise your name.

Text by Carol P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944)

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Nita Smith

* Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Homily

The Journey into Communion

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn 175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Confession and Pardon

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away; to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd in shouting, "Crucify." Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! (*2 Corinthians 6:2*)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Thanks be to God.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit with me.
Cast me now away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

- Psalm 51:10-13

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

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.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt me;
Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Prayer after Communion

from 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us
in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us
the grace to glorify you as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 453** (Stanzas 1-3)

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

**Then shall my last breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee:
more love to thee, more love to thee!**

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

Closing Voluntary

Processional

Douglas E. Wagner

* *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**.*


Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Ainsworth Choir
Waylon Miller, Liturgist
Nita Smith, Lay Reader
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte
Davis Uren, Crucifer
Graham Hefner & Henry McClure, Candlelighters
Emerson Toles, Communion Steward
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Communion Servers
Freedra Chapman, Bread Baker

Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Betty Swearingen Hurdle by her family.*

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14

Next Sunday's Palm/Passion Sunday service will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the courtyard for all as we hear the Palm Sunday Gospel and participate in the opening dialogue. The children's choirs will lead us from the courtyard to the sanctuary as we shout "Hosanna!" and sing *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!* This special-music Sunday will be led by guest musician Dr. Michael Burkhardt, one of the nations' top church musicians and organists.

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>.

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday Processional Service

April 14 – 10:45 AM

Dr. Michael Burkhardt, one of the finest organists, composers, and directors in the U.S., will be our guest musician, providing leadership for our congregational, choral, and instrumental music. The brass quintet comprises graduate students and graduates of The University of Georgia School of Music.

Holy Week Services

April 15-19 – 12 Noon (followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall)

Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Garrard, will lead us in worship each day at noon with a series entitled “Walking with Jesus on the Way.”

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 – 6:30 PM

As we remember the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion, we’ll gather in the sanctuary for a reflective Maundy Thursday service, which will include the choral arrangement by Maurice Duruflé of the traditional chant, Ubi caritas, “Where charity and love are, there is God.”

Good Friday Service

April 19 – 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Coleman Hill

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

April 21 – 7:00 AM – Coleman Hill

Rev. Antonie Walker, Pastor of Grace Corner UMC, Speaker

Flowering of the Easter Cross

April 21 – 10:00 AM – Mulberry Courtyard

Easter Sunday Butterfly Release

April 21 – 10:30 AM – Mulberry Courtyard

Easter Sunday Services

April 21

9:00 AM – Sanctuary

10:00 AM – NewRoom (Library Ballroom)

11:00 AM – Sanctuary

Come celebrate the risen Christ with preaching by the Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery and singing great Easter hymns of our faith with brass, organ, congregation, and choir in one of our two identical services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., with both Easter services in the sanctuary. Our resurrection service will end with Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” and the Widor “Toccata” for organ and brass.