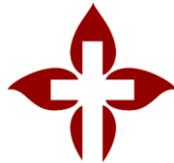


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 7, 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.*



### *Entrance and Praise*

**Voluntary**

*Elegy*

Douglas E. Wagner

**Greeting in the Name of Christ**

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Call to Worship**

Scott Wangen

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

Scott Wangen

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*

**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

Scott Wangen

**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

Scott Wangen

**\* Gospel Reading**

John 12:1-8

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Homily***The Journey into Communion*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

***Thanksgiving and Communion*****Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Julia Norman

**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!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Peace**

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

**Offering of our Gifts***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.

\* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Hymnal, pages 13 (Communion responses are spoken.)

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.**

**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**

**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 175**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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\* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* *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. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Camilla Packroff, Soprano  
Scott Wangen, Lay Reader  
Freedra Chapman, Communion Baker*

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

**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.

We also have our 9:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday service in the Chapel.

## *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>.

### *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.*