

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-2

Martin Magda

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.

Praise the Lord!

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Praise the Lord!

Come, worship God.

* Entrance Hymn No. 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Great God, you have been generous
and marvelously kind.

Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude

that we may sing praises to you

and joyfully honor your name

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise
"With a Voice of Singing"

Ainsworth Choir
Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this
and let it be heard: Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name.
Make his praises to be glorious. Alleluia!*

Prayers and Blessings

A Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year
*Children and youth are invited to come forward,
bringing their backpacks to be blessed.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Prayer for Illumination
Please remain seated and sing.

Hymn No. 394

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

**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.**

Epistle Reading
Ephesians 5:15-20

Martin Magda

Psalm

Psalm 111

*This responsive reading is found on Page 832 of the hymnbook.
Response 2 will be sung when the "R" is listed. Please read responsively.*

* Gospel Reading
John 6:51-58

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon
“Closer Than Close”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts
“Lord, at All Times I Will Bless You” Felix Mendelssohn

*Lord, at all times I will bless you,
and in songs of praise confess you;
yes, my heart shall sing your grace.
Let the godly gather near me,
let the humble gladly hear me;
come, exalt the Lord with me,
When the poor for help were crying
and in trouble they were sighing,
God in mercy heard their cry.
Come now, children, mark my teaching
at God's throne for help beseeching,
let us learn the fear of God.
Angels of the Lord protect us,
in the paths of peace direct us;
taste and see the Lord is good.
God is ever nearing the grieving
and their humble hearts relieving,
granting joy and peace at last.
Adapted from Psalm 34*

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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 of Discipleship No. 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

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* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Congregational Response
Please join the choir singing:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

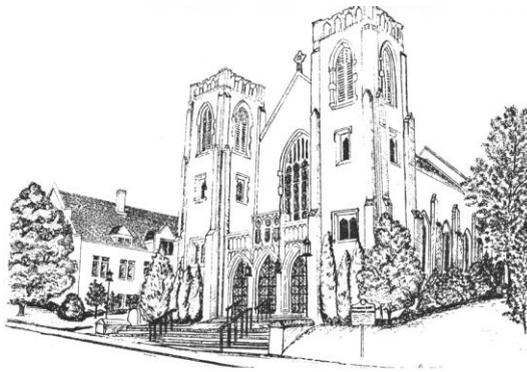
Closing Voluntary
“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Dr. David Keith, Guest Director
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Martin Magda, Lay Reader
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Ella Magda, Crucifer
Mary Caroline Bushway & Piper Bushway, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mac and Melba Stout
by their children.*



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 provided for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

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.

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Today's Sermon
"Closer Than Close"

Today's Scripture
John 6:51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

(Reprinted from the South Georgia Advocate, <https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate>.)

In his sermon on The Education of Children, John Wesley urges parents to make sure to never give children the things they cry for. He says that if you give children the things they cry for you will only teach them to cry for more. Wesley taught that parents must teach their children to obey them else they will never learn to obey God. He even went so far as to caution against praising your children lest you build their pride.

Much of what he taught about educating children he learned from the actions of his own mother, Susanna.

However, in his sermon he warns:

"Your mother, or your husband's mother, may live with you, and you will do well to show her all possible respect. But let her on no account have the least share in the management of your children. She will undo all that you had done; she would give them their own will in all things. She would humour them to the destruction of their souls, if not of their bodies too. In fourscore years I have not met with one woman who knew how to manage grandchildren. My own mother, who governed her children so well, could never govern one grandchild ..."

"Saw it, liked it, told Grandma, got it!"

Bible Study Options

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)
(begins August 26) All women are welcome.
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or mollywalker@cox.net.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road
Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813) or clarerauls@bellsouth.net.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)
Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

Small Groups

Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

Monday Evening Small Group

5:30-7:00 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)
Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

Tuesday Evening Small Group

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback (821 Wesleyan Drive)
Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or
lambacks@bellsouth.net.

United Methodist Women's Circles

Esther Circle

Meets: 1st Thursday of the month (beginning September 6th)
at Noon in the Church Parlor
Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or
magaudry@cox.net.

Grace Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month (beginning September 13th)
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.
Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or
marilynarm@cox.net.

Paula Motes Circle

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month (beginning September 12th)
at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.
Contact Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or dkg0221@cs.com.