

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The grace of our 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 34:1, 3, 8

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Praise the Lord!

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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.

* Hymn of Praise No. 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

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.**

* 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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 451
"Be Thou My Vision"

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* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Katie Trotter, Soprano*

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lolita Rutland
by Harold Downs.*



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

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<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 dkgo221@cs.com.