

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# The Church at Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 25, 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

*Prelude*

J. C. H. Rink

### Call to Worship

Psalm 71:3, 5

Stebin Horne

God is our rock and our fortress,  
our refuge and strength.

**God is our hope and our trust.  
Praise the Lord!**

\* **Entrance Hymn No. 731** (Stanzas 1-3) *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIA

### Opening Prayer

Stebin Horne

God of healing and reconciliation,  
you free us from our burdens  
and promise us safety and refuge.

**Help us to trust in your power,  
that we may praise you without qualification  
and rejoice in the power of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Austin Evelyn Vaughn  
Daughter of Ben and Kris Vaughn

*The Baptismal Covenant II is found on page 39 of the hymnal.*

\* **Hymn of Baptism No. 611** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

*Children exit for Children's Church following the Hymn of Baptism and can meet Melinda Powell  
at the side exit to the Sanctuary. K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room  
and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

# *Proclamation and Response*

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Julia Norman

**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.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Christi James

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Christi James  
and Stebin Horne

## **Psalm**

Psalm 71:1-6

Luke Baker

*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

**Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.  
Even in old age, you will be my strength.**

## **\* Gospel**

Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

## **Sermon**

*Almost Right*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

## **Offering of our Tithe and Gifts**

### **Offertory**

*Borning Cry*

John Ylvisaker  
arr., Daniel Kauffman

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

## **\* Doxology**

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*Please note we are using the Doxology from Hymn No. 94.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

# Sending Forth

\* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 593**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

\* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Congregational Response**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

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

**Closing Voluntary**

*Here I Am, Lord*

arr. Janet Linker

\* *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 for Families & Children  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Camilla Packroff, Soprano  
Luke Baker, Tenor  
Caleb Esmond, Piano  
Katie Trotter, Violin  
Christi James, Liturgist  
Stebin Horne, Reader  
Akins Manley, Lead Acolyte & Baptism Aquifer  
Katherine Dent, Crucifer  
Evan Bogle & Rho Bridges, Candlelighters  
Melinda Powell, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Bud S. and Jace (who would have been 100 this year) Moss and their anniversary on August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
by their children, Carter and Susan, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

## 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.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our nursery.

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 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

Parents of children: During this morning's worship, you might point out to your child those times when God is speaking directly to a child or youth, including the Jeremiah reading, the anthem *Borning Cry*, and the hymn *Here I Am, Lord*.

### **Ainsworth Choir**

Ainsworth Choir (adults and high-school youth) rehearses Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.  
Please contact Tom Granum ([tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org)) if you're interested in joining.

### **Children's Choirs**

Children's Choirs for grades K-5 through 5 rehearse Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.  
For more information, please contact Tom Granum at [tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org).

### **Midweek at Mulberry**

#### **Wednesday, August 28**

Program: Magnolia Manor – Rev. Steve Vinson  
Supper Line begins at 5:30 p.m.  
Children's Choirs – 6:15 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship – 6:15 p.m.  
Ainsworth Choir – 7:15 p.m.

### **Small Group Study Led by Matt Woodbery "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton**

Wednesdays beginning August 28 – October 23  
6:40 p.m. in the Becomers Classroom

### **Family Connection Group**

#### **Led by Julia Norman**

Wednesdays beginning August 28  
6:15 p.m. in the Parlor

Come connect with other parents/grandparents while children are in choir or nursery upstairs.

### **Soul Friends Luncheon**

#### **Thursday, September 5**

**12:00 Noon**

#### **Fellowship Hall**

Soul Friends ministry pairs church members with those who are homebound to provide Christian support. At this luncheon we will share our concerns and joys of this ministry. We still need a few more volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Marilyn Armstrong at 335.8363 or Jeff Cook at 745-8601. R.S.V.P. to the church office 745-8601 by August 29 if you plan to attend the luncheon.

### **Vibrant Luncheon**

#### **Thursday, September 12**

Fountain of Juice (4123 Forsyth Road)  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We have reserved a private room at Fountain of Juice for our September Vibrant Luncheon.  
R.S.V.P. to the church office, 745-8601 by September 9.