

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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

Prelude

J. C. H. Rink

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Call to Worship

Psalm 71:3, 5

Harold Downs

God is our rock and our fortress,
our refuge and strength.
**God is our hope and our trust.
Praise the Lord!**

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

AUSTRIA

Opening Prayer

Harold Downs

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.**

Proclamation and Response

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Harold Downs

**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

Harold Downs

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

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

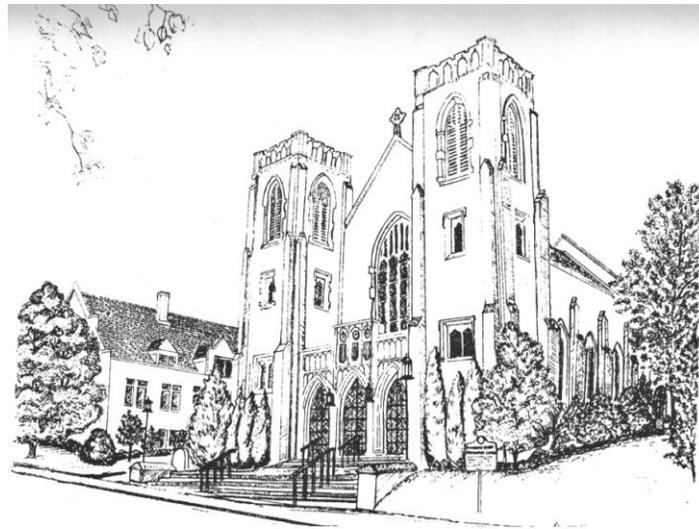
*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Harold Downs, Liturgist
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Luke Baker, Tenor*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birthday of Anne McCrary with love from her children.*

Liturgists/Readers for 9 a.m. Chapel Worship

If you might be willing to be a liturgist/reader for 9 a.m. Chapel Worship this fall,
please contact Tom Granum to volunteer: tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org or cell/706-207-6010.
Youth and elementary children (grade 3 and above) are invited, too.



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. A nursery is available.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed.

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 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>.

Ainsworth Choir

Ainsworth Choir (adults and high-school youth) rehearses Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.
Please contact Tom Granum (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.

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.