

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 2018
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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Opening Voluntary

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Jesus has the words of eternal life;
He is the Holy One of God.
Come, let us worship God.

* Entrance Hymn No. 117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
**we are responding to your call
to worship you in the house of our God.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!
**Help us now to hear and obey
what you say to us today.**
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"O How Amiable"

Ainsworth Choir
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Texts from Psalm 84 and 90
and Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Children's Moment

Rev. Jeff Cook

*Children are invited to meet Jeff on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moment.*

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Please remain seated and sing.

Hymn No. 393

“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.

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.**

Epistle Reading

Kelly Stone

Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm

Psalm 84

*This responsive reading is found at Psalm 84, page 804
in the hymnbook. Please read the psalm responsively
and sing the response when the “R” is listed.*

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

John 6:55-56; 60-69

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

“The Fall Roster”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“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 Saviour 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 be;
Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.*

* 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.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 630

“Become to Us the Living Bread”

GELOBER SEI GOTT

* 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.**

This response is Hymn 159.

Closing Voluntary

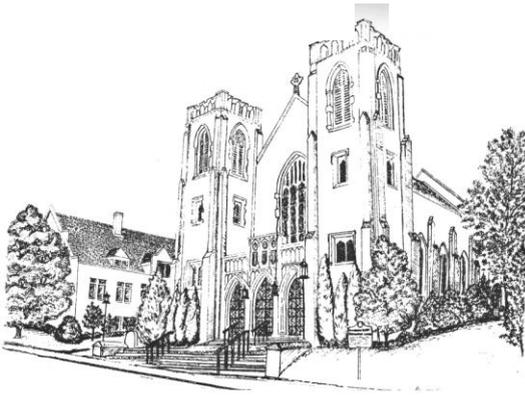
“Lift High the Cross”

John Leavitt

* *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
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Luke Baker, Tenor
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader
Ben Jamison, Crucifer
Austin Carter & Isabella Ewing, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bud S. and Jace Moss
and their anniversary on August 22nd
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.

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.

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>.

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Today's Sermon
"The Fall Roster"

Today's Scripture
John 6:55-56; 60-69

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.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?" ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."^[a]

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

John Wesley was a traveling preacher. He was always on the move sharing the Gospel of Christ wherever he went. It has been estimated that John Wesley spent one half of his waking hours traveling. He rode his horse more than 250,000 miles across England.

John Wesley spent 23 months in Georgia. It took him four months on the ship before he even arrived at the mouth of the Savannah River. While in Georgia he made 10 trips between Savannah and St. Simons Island. He also made several trips between Savannah and Charleston, South Carolina. He was constantly on the move!

Samuel Johnson, a great conversationalist, loved spending time talking with John Wesley. He complained that just as soon as they settled down for a good conversation, Wesley would leave to go visit someone who was sick.