

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 26, 2018  
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.*

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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.

\* Hymn of Praise No. 117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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. 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

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.**

\* 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”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 671

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

\* Benediction

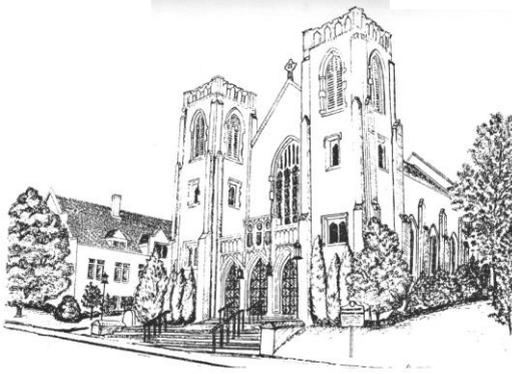
Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Louise and Andy Watson.*



## *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshipping 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](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 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

<sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> 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. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

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

*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.

## *Bible Study Options*

### **Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study**

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)  
(begins September 9) All women are welcome.  
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or [mollywalker@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net).

## *United Methodist Women's Circles*

### **Esther Circle**

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

### **Grace Circle**

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

### **Paula Motes Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>)  
at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.  
Contact Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or [dkgo221@cs.com](mailto:dkgo221@cs.com).