

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Julia Norman

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9

Gail Springstead

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's steadfast mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

For you satisfy the thirsty soul

and fill the hungry with good things.

Come, let us now thank God with heart and hands and voices.

* **Hymn No. 102**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Opening Prayer

Gail Springstead

**Good and loving God, in Jesus you know the paths your children walk and all
that can frighten and discourage us. Make your presence real to us as we make
our journey, that at any time and in every circumstance we may remember
your blessings – and rejoice! Amen.**

from Psalms for All Seasons

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

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.

Daniel Iverson, OneLicense.net #A-712041

Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	Gail Springstead
* Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Rev. Julia Norman
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Homily	<i>Rich Toward God</i>	Rev. Julia Norman
* Hymn No. 405	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	SEEK YE

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table Rev. Julia Norman

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace Rev. Julia Norman
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

* **The Great Thanksgiving** Rev. Jeff Cook
 Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Sending Forth

- | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| * Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | Rev. Julia Norman |
| * Hymn No. 617 | <i>I Come with Joy</i> | DOVE OF PEACE |
| * Benediction | | Rev. Julia Norman |

* 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. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Gail Springstead, Lay Reader
Carol Pope, Bread Baker

Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

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 available for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions.

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/media>.

Ainsworth Choir

Ainsworth Choir (adults and high-school youth) begins rehearsals Wednesday, August 7, 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 will begin on Wednesday, August 21, 6:15-7:00 p.m.
For more information, please contact Tom Granum at tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org.

Promotion Sunday Meet and Greet Sunday, August 11

All families with children 5th grade and under are invited to a Promotion Sunday reception in the kids' assembly room on the 2nd floor at 10:00 a.m. August 11. We'll have refreshments, allow everyone to meet their child's Sunday School teacher, help everyone understand our new check in system, discuss our curriculum, and connect with each other.

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 11

11 a.m. Sanctuary and New Room Services
Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year.
All kids are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing
and prayer during our 11:00 a.m. worship services.
Kids, bring your backpacks!

Third Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, August 18

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sunday School and Small Groups Fair Sunday, August 18

Fellowship Hall

Please join us immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship services
to enjoy appetizers and learn about Sunday School and Small Groups for this fall.

Midweek at Mulberry Begins Wednesday, August 21

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.

Pathways

August 24 @ Trinity UMC, Warner Robins

Join us for new ideas, networking opportunities and quality training at this year's Pathways event.
For more information and to register, go to www.sgaumc.org/pathways.