

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 5, 2018  
Eleven O'clock*



## *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  
“Arioso”

Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.

**We cannot do this alone,  
we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace offered to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family  
at the Table prepared for us,  
waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life.**

*(written by Thom Shuman)*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 546  
“The Church's One Foundation”

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Gentle God:

we have traveled through many waters  
to reach this place, but share one baptism;  
we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions,  
yet share one faith;  
we are, each of us, unique and precious to God,  
and are members of one Body;  
we have different dreams and doubts,  
yet our hearts beat with one hope;  
we are graced with different gifts,  
so we may offer them in service to one Lord.

God, in Community, Holy in One,  
equip us for the work of ministry,  
as we pray together with one voice. **Amen.**

*(written by Thom Shuman)*

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

**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

Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. Larry Moore



**Children age 5K and under are invited  
to leave for children's church after the Act of Praise.**

## *Proclamation and Response*

Epistle Lesson  
Ephesians 4:1-16

Melinda Powell

\* Gospel Lesson  
John 6:24-25

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily  
“Willful vs. Willing”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

## *Thanksgiving and Communion*

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin  
before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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. Jeff Cook

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts  
“Consecration”

Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano  
John Ness Beck  
Transcribed by Craig Courtney

Sung Communion A (Pages 17-18)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

**Taste and see,  
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see,  
taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
of the Lord.**

*(Text James E. Moore, Jr. © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc. OneLicense #A-712041)*

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
After receiving communion,  
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.  
Please let an usher know  
if you need to be served in your pew.  
Gluten-free bread and juice are available  
on the chancel steps pulpit side.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Jeff Cook

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# *Sending Forth*

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 557  
"Blest Be the Tie that Bind" DENNIS

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Closing Voluntary  
"Tuba Tune in D Major" C. S. Lang

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Melinda Powell, Lay Reader  
Carol Pope, Bread Baker  
Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Lay Communion Servers  
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte  
Austin Carter, Crucifer  
Wilson Brown & Ella Magda, Candlelighters  
Emerson Toles, Communion Steward*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Tom and Doris Granum  
and the Ainsworth Memorial Choir  
by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*

## **Why The Color Green?**

*The long season (Pentecost through Advent) we are in - Trinity Sunday through Christ The King - is a time in the church year referred to as Ordinary Time. It is a time we focus on living out faith and understanding the meaning of Christ's resurrection in "ordinary everyday life". Green is the color we use because it reminds us of the growing season and for us it symbolizes growth in Christ.*

*Chris Abbott, Worship Chair*

## **Today's Scripture**

John 6:24-25

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

## *John Wesley Moments*

**Rev. Dave Hanson**

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

John Wesley met some very strange people. None were stranger than the man at Dewberry who charged up out of the congregation at Wesley and in a rage struck him with all his might on his face. The blow was so violent as to bring tears into Wesley's eyes, but without a moment's hesitation, according to Christ's precepts, John Wesley turned his other cheek. Amazed and confounded, the fierce assailant fell back and sought to hide his face. From that time on he became a devoted friend of the Methodists, and at a later time risked his life to save one of their chapels from destruction.



### *If You Are New to Mulberry*

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register  
as it is passed.*

*Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to  
participate in our worship, growth opportunities  
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you  
will find this church to be a warm,  
caring community that you can call home.*

*Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.  
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

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