

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 5, 2018
Nine O'clock



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

Rev. Jeff Cook

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.**

John 6:24-25

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

“Willful vs. Willing”

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.

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

* The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
 Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 557
“Blest Be the Tie that Bind”

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* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Rev. Jeff Cook

Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist

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

²⁴ 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.

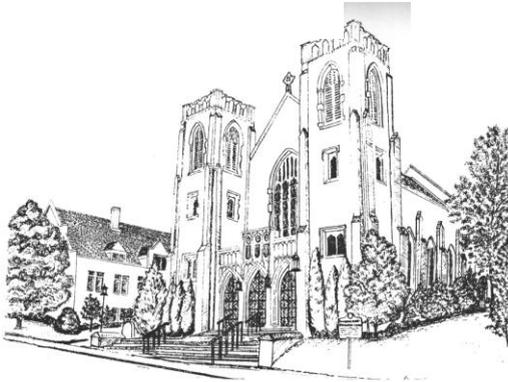
²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

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.

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at*

www.mulberrymethodist.org.

Bible Study Options

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)
(begins August 26) All women are welcome.
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or 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.

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)

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.

Tuesday Evening Small Group

6:30 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)
Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

United Methodist Women's Circles

Esther Circle

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

Grace Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month (beginning September 13th)
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.
Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or
marilynarm@cox.net.

Paula Motes Circle

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