

# Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

November 8, 2020

In-Person Sanctuary Worship

11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

### Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

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

### Chorale and Prelude

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

J. S. Bach

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us;  
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Rise up, and give us light;  
the Bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!

Midnight's peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
"The time has come, O maidens wise!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share."

### Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits –**

who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Come, let us worship God.

### Hymn 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

### Prayer of the Day

inspired by Psalm 78

O God, Beginning and Completion,  
in Jesus Christ you confirmed your covenant with us  
and sealed every promise in his blood.

**Empower us through your Holy Spirit to teach all you have commanded,  
tell all you have done, and live as those who are deeply and eternally loved,  
for the glory and praise of your name. Amen.**

# Proclaiming

## Prayer for Illumination

Sam McDaniel

God of all generations, our ears are open to hear your Word.  
We give thanks for those who have heard your call  
to teach your Word to your children.

**Send your Spirit upon us, we pray, so that all generations may hope in you,  
love your ways,  
and live according to your will.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Psalm

Psalm 78:1-7

*Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's Word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.*

## \* Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*In the Meantime*

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Christ will come again. We are called to be ready. In the time between now and meeting Christ face to face, our choices and our priorities are important.

# Responding

## Call to Prayer

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

## Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Joey Andrew Ellis

Son of Quinn and Joshua Ellis

## Renunciation of Sin

### \* Profession of Faith *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.**

## Baptism with Laying On of Hands

### Congregational Pledge

Members of the household of faith . . .  
. . . through our Savior Jesus Christ?

#### With God's help

**we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,  
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love,  
may be established in the faith,  
and confirmed and strengthened  
in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## Sending

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

#### Hymn 147

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

### Benediction

#### Voluntary

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Michael Burkhardt

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those part of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in spoken word are noted in **bold type**.*

### **Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor

Sam McDaniel, soloist

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries and Organist