

# *Mulberry Street United Methodist Church*

*Macon, Georgia  
October 25, 2020  
Open-Air Worship  
10:00 a.m.*

## *Gathering*

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

**Announcements**

Rev. Trevor Ward

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praise to your name.**

**Prayer of the Day**

based on Psalm 106

Gracious God, your mercies are new every morning.

**Great is your faithfulness!**

Do not leave us to our faithless, wandering ways,

**but shepherd us with your rod and staff**

so that we will walk in the paths of righteousness

**and dwell in your presence our whole life long. Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymns**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

Act of Praise

*Like Him We Rise*

Tom Trenney

*As we prepare to hear God's Word that we receive from God "an overwhelming abundance of love," we listen to this Act of Praise:*

He came down that we may have love.

"Come unto me," our Savior said. "Ye weary, come, I'll give you rest."

From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed.

Made like him, like him we rise!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

"Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give."

Upon the cross, "I thirst," he cried, conquering death that we might live!

## *Proclaiming*

Introduction of Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Sung Prayer for Illumination

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

*Please remain seated to sing this prayer calling on the Holy Spirit to illumine the reading, the preaching, and the hearing of the Word.*

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;**

**place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;**

**and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;**

**open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

\* Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

Sermon

*THRIVING*

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

*4. God's Love Spreads Out*

*Stewardship of the resources God has given us completes our lives. One of the resources we receive from God is an overwhelming abundance of love that we should share with everyone we know.*

## *Responding*

\* Hymn

Tucker Poupard

\* Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Julia Norman

**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.**

**Call to Prayer**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

**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.**

## *Sending*

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**\* Hymn**

Tucker Poupard

**\* Benediction**

*\* 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:**

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan, Guest Preacher  
The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor  
The Reverend Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister  
The Reverend Trevor Ward, NewRoom Pastor and Youth Pastor  
Katie Trotter, soprano  
Caleb Esmond, Beautiful Sheriff, and Katie Trotter, ensemble  
Lisa Shepard, piano  
Tucker Poupard, NewRoom Worship Leader  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

**Bishop R. Lawson Bryan**

Bishop Robert Lawson Bryan serves as episcopal leader of the South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church. Elected bishop July 14, 2016, at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference's quadrennial meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C., he began serving as South Georgia's resident bishop on Sept. 1, 2016.

Bishop Bryan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University and a doctorate in ministry from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is married to Sherrill, and their son Philip and daughter-in-law Brittany, along with their two children, John Phillip and Caroline Cooper "Cece," reside in Alabama.

Bishop Bryan is passionate about people owning their identities as being "alive together in Christ," from Ephesians 2:5.

- from <https://www.sgaumc.org/bishop>

## **Connecting Ministries This Week at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church**

*For Zoom information log-in and/or signupgenius.com, please find more information in the church newsletter, the church page ([www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)), or Facebook.*

- Monday, October 26, 5:00 p.m. – Backyard Social, home of Mel & Melis Jamison
- Tuesday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. – *Hymns on Tap* with Tom Granum (see below)
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. – Rev. Dr. Nita Crump, teacher
- Thursday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. – *Coffee and Hymns* with Tom Granum (see below)
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Godly Play Zoom Call (children’s ministry)

Four-week series begins this week: ***Connecting Through Hymns***

Two opportunities each week for a 30-minute hymn study.

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. – *Hymns on Tap* – October 27 and November 3, 10 & 17

Feel free to grab your favorite beverage & hors d’oeuvre and join the group.

Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – *Coffee and Hymns* – October 29 and November 5, 12 & 19

Perhaps you’ll have your second cup of coffee with us.

*Please check the church page, the newsletter, or Facebook for the Zoom log-in information.*

## **All Saints’ Sunday, November 1**

On All Saints’ Sunday we celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation.

- Recorded Sanctuary Worship will include the Puccini *Requiem* with guest violist Seido Karasaki and an ensemble from the Ainsworth Choir. The recorded service begins with a moving procession of the All Saints’ banner with each brass bell reminding us of one of our members who has died in the last year.
- Recorded NewRoom Worship.
- In-person NewRoom Worship, 9:00 a.m.
- In-person Sanctuary Worship, 11:00 a.m., beginning with the procession of the All Saints’ banner.

## **Giving, Contact Information, and Prayer Requests**

You can give in one of the following ways: online, auto-draft, or online bill-pay. We are thankful for your continued support of the calling and mission of our church as we strive to shine the light of Christ across our community and to help those in need.

To give online go to [mulberrymethodist.org/give](http://mulberrymethodist.org/give).

You may contact the church: 478-745-8601 – P. O. Box 149, Macon, GA 31202