

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

August 30, 2020

Radio/In-Person Sanctuary Worship

11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Preservice Music for Seating of Congregation

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Julia Norman

Voluntary

Andante tranquillo

George Oldroyd

"My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord."

Call to Worship

Exodus 3:15; Psalm 105:3, 45b

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* Call to Confession

from Romans 12:21

Please rise in body or spirit.

* Prayer of Confession

from Matthew 16:23-26

God of mercy,

we confess that, like the disciples,

we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,

for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

* **Declaration of Forgiveness** from Matthew 16:24-26
Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.
In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

* **Passing the Peace**
*We share peace as a sign of reconciliation in Christ. Please stay in your area but turn to all those around you, open your arms to them, and say: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

* **Response** *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN
The soloist sings on behalf of all of us.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination from Exodus 3:7
Holy Spirit,
who spoke to Moses from the burning bush,
speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. **Amen.**

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
You are invited to silently join the soloist on the refrain:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

* **Gospel** Matthew 16:21-28
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Romans 12:9-21
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Confirmed into Community* Rev. Julia Norman

Confirmation Recognition and Reception

Candidates for Confirmation

Elizabeth Leigh Baskette
Molly Berg
Joseph Ellis Bridges
Caroline Harper Dent
Barbara Reynolds Hefner
Maggie Jamison

Questions to the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include the candidates now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Congregational Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, we commend our newest members to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already give these candidates and we welcome them in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Responding

Hymn

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true;
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

* Affirmation of Faith

Confirmation Class 2020 Creed

We believe in one God who is known as Father, Son and Spirit.

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth. God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. God is holy and powerful, loving and kind, forgives our sins and is the King of Kings.

We believe in Jesus, Son of God who is human and divine. Jesus lived, died for our sins, rose on the third day and will come again. Jesus is our friend and Savior, loving and forgiving, and is the Lord of Lords.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is full of truth and is a divine presence today. The Holy Spirit is the giver of life and guide as we live our lives.

We believe that the church is God's family and we worship together. We live as a forgiven and redeemed people who serve God with our lives so that God can build the kingdom on earth. We look forward to eternity with God and the life to come. Amen.

Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

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.

Sending

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Solo

Consecration

John Ness Beck
Transcribed by Craig Courtney

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let it sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Benediction

Voluntary

Elegy

Sir George Thalben-Ball

Post-service Music for Leaving the Sanctuary

Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The pianist will play until worshipers have left the sanctuary.

* *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 Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister

Katie Trotter, soprano and liturgist

Sam McDaniel, organ

Caleb Esmond, piano

Credits

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God

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We Are Forgiven

Text: Traditional liturgical text

Music: Hal H. Hopson, 1995

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The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Text: Lamentations 3:22-23

Music: Edith McNeill © 1974, 1975 Celebration

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Text: Fred Kaan, 1976 © 1979 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

Music: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; adapt. The Community of Taizé

Music: Jacques Berthier

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