

# ***Mulberry Street United Methodist Church***

*Macon, Georgia*

*August 30, 2020*

*Recorded Online Sanctuary Worship*

## ***Gathering***

**Welcome**

Rev. Julia Norman

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

### **Opening Words and Hymn**

Spoken: Matthew 4:18-19 – Jesus Calls the First Disciples

*Voice of Christ: “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

Spoken: Matthew 9:9 – The Calling of Matthew

*Voice of Christ: “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

Spoken: Matthew 10:5-8 – The Mission of the Twelve

*Voice of Christ: “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

Spoken: Matthew 16:24-28 – The Cross and Self-Denial

*Voice of Christ: “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

Spoken: John 12:20-26 – Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

*Our response to Christ:  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## ***Proclaiming***

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Open our eyes, O God:

that we may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Open our ears, O God;

that we may hear what you will speak to those who turn to you in their hearts.

Open our minds, O God:

that we may understand what it means to revere you and to learn of your ways.

Open our hearts, O God;

that we may grasp the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ.

Open our mouths, O God:

that we may proclaim the mystery of the gospel and speak of it boldly. Amen.

## Scripture

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

### Questions to the Congregation for Confirmation

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 you and we welcome you 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*

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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.

### 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*

**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**

### **Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister  
Jack Carter, Caleb Esmond, and Katie Trotter, ensemble and liturgists  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries and Organist  
Steve Moretti and Davis Perkins, Production and Editing

### **Credits:**

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*Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

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