

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

August 9, 2020

Radio/In-Person Sanctuary Worship

11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Preservice Music for Seating of Congregation

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Marcus Tripp

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

Voluntary

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Setting by Raymond Haan

Call to Worship

from Genesis 37:28; Psalm 105:17; Matthew 14:30-31

Prayer of the Day

from Matthew 14:22-31

Hymn 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!
We are intimidated by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears.
We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves.
We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams.
We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive.
Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

* 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

Rev. Julia Norman

**God of our present trouble and promised triumph,
Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles.
Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance.
Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles.
Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Rev. Julia Norman

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

Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

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.**

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Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

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

* Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Sung Response

Calm to the Waves

CALM SEAS

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

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

Sermon

In Over Our Heads

Rev. Dr. Marcus Tripp

Responding

Hymn

Master, the Tempest Is Raging (Peace! Be Still!)

PEACE! BE STILL!

Master, the tempest is raging!
The billows are tossing high!
The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness,
No shelter or help is nigh:
"Carest Thou not that we perish?"
How canst Thou lie asleep,
When each moment so madly is threat'ning
A grave in the angry deep?

The winds and the waves shall obey Thy will.
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea,
Or demons, or men, or whatever it be,
No water can swallow the ship where lies
the Master of ocean and earth and skies;
They all shall sweetly obey Thy will!
Peace! Peace! be still!

* Affirmation 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.**

Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices

Rev. Julia Norman

Please respond as indicated: Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

O Holy God, the time has come for the school year to begin, and we ask a blessing on the backpacks in which these children carry so many of their daily needs. Allow them to also carry peace, grace and kindness into the hallways of each school as we go as your disciples.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

In this school year, where distanced learning will be present in our lives, presenting new challenges and opportunities for each of our students, teachers and administrators, we ask your blessing over the devices that we will use to access our education in new ways. Let me bring you glory as we dedicate our time and energy to learning.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who teach us in the coming weeks and months, giving them wisdom, energy and creativity to inspire each student. Make their work a blessing to every one of your children.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Bless, O God, the administrations of our local schools that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to them. Make them fair, merciful, and able to work together with a spirit of grace and compassion to each family.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Bless each one that is here that we will seek opportunities to grow in our knowledge of you – in Sunday School, small groups, in worship and in fellowship together. Grant that we may see you more clearly and follow you more closely.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

And bless each of the cherished children of our church, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptisms. Keep them safe, excited for each day of learning, eager to develop their abilities and discover their gifts.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that through their studies we all may gain the tools to grow in love, faith and service for all their days.

Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

The soloist sings to God on behalf of the congregation.

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.

Sending

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH & MARTYN

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Benediction

Voluntary

Toccata: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Raymond Haan

Post-service Music for Leaving the Sanctuary

Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The organist 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 Dr. Marcus Tripp, Interim Pastoral Care Minister

The Reverend Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister

Caleb Esmond, piano

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

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