

THOSE
WHO *will not*
DREAM *keep silent*
1st Sunday after Christmas

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

December 27, 2020

In-Person Sanctuary Worship

Gathering

Gathering Music

Improvisations by Caleb Esmond

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Marcus Tripp

Voluntary

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Charles Callahan

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Call to Worship

Here on the heels of Christmas,

we speak of love.

We speak of joy.

We speak of candle light and fireside.

We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.

We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”

Here on the heels of Christmas,

we are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

One: We believe in passing the mic—

**All: so that we are not the only ones speaking,
so that we can lift up the voices of those around us,
so that we too might listen and learn.**

One: We believe in the good news of the gospel.

**All: We believe that this good news is too good to keep to ourselves.
We believe that those who dream cannot keep silent.**

One: Speak to us, Holy God.

**All: Speak through us, Holy God.
May it be so, amen.**

Call to Prayer

Improvisation on *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Caleb Esmond

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

Choral Response

Song of Simeon

Hal H. Hopson

Benediction

Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo

Caleb Esmond

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Dr. Marcus Tripp, Interim Pastoral Care Minister

Caleb Esmond, Camilla Packroff, Jack Carter, and Tom Granum, musicians/liturgists

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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.

You may contact the church:

478-745-8601

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THOSE WHO DREAM logo

“When considering the theme, the image that came to mind most presently was the image of one eye open, and another eye shut. There is something about this space between sleep and consciousness that I think is important to pay attention to, and something about this move toward awakening that feels deeply relevant to our current context. I quickly sketched the eyes as we brainstormed, but I also felt strongly that the logo needed to be abstract. Recently, I’ve found myself particularly captured by the work of Yayoi Kusama who uses repetitive dots in her paintings, sculptures, and installations. Her play with repetition and scale obscures reality, creating confusing and seemingly limitless spaces. People from all over the world travel to engage with her meditative and even disorienting work. For me, her work has a sense of allusiveness much like dreams. In this series of logos, at first the stippled dots feel more chaotic and free-flowing as they move from the eyes toward the word, “Dream.” As the logo evolves, the dots become more organized, creating imagery of light and a rippling effect. This movement and imagery can symbolize many things: the bewildering narratives and fragments of our dreams, our individual dreams taking on the form of God’s dream, the collective movement of people it takes to bring God’s dream to life, etc. Ultimately, through the movement of the stippling and shifts in color, accompanied by Lisle’s beautiful photography, the logos have a sense of movement from the disorientation of the apocalyptic imagery of the prophets in the first week of Advent, toward the awe and wonder of meeting the Christ child.” - Lauren Wright Pittman

Christmas Eve Recorded Worship

“This night, we are THOSE WHO DREAM”

You may continue to view our Christmas Eve Worship on Facebook or www.mulberrymethodist.org. If you find it meaningful, please share with family and friends.

Generation to Generation (G2G) Community Outreach

Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17

Generation to Generation (G2G) is a meaningful part of our congregation’s life. We will continue this mission with a different emphasis for 2021 as we strive to make God’s love known to the community around us here in Macon.

Please register by January 3 to join us during the MLK Weekend for Macon community outreach projects on Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17. Read more and register at www.mulberrymethodist.org/serve.