

# Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

November 15, 2020

In-Person Sanctuary Worship

11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

**Greeting in the Name of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

**Voluntary**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Paul Manz

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

**you have been our home throughout all the ages.**

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Come, let us worship and adore the God of glory, the Lord of love!

**Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**Prayer of the Day**

from Psalm 123:1-4; Matthew 25:23

God of righteousness,  
you overcome those who abuse their power  
and lift up those who suffer.

**Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,  
we know that you will have the last word.**

**Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,  
when you will welcome all your children  
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.**

## Proclaiming

**Prayer for Illumination**

Sam McDaniel

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**Scripture**

Matthew 25:14-30

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

**Sermon**

*Working While We Wait*

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

*We work while we wait for our Lord Jesus Christ. This work is a part of our sanctification.  
The outcome of our work should bring joy to the Lord. Our reward will be entering into the  
joy of our Lord.*

## *Responding*

### \* 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.**

### Call to Prayer

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

HEAR MY PRAYER

### 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

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

arr. Mark Hayes

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

\* *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. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor

Sam McDaniel, soloist

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

### 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