

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

*Macon, Georgia*

*October 25, 2020*

*Recorded Online Sanctuary Worship*

## ***Gathering***

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 90:1-6

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**In you, we come home –**

**to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.**

**We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,  
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**In you, we are home –**

**we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.**

**We dwell in you.**

**Hymn 117**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Introduction*

*Sung* O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

*Sung* Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

*Played* A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

*Sung* O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

## ***Proclaiming***

**Prayer for Illumination**

based on Matthew 22:34-46

Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture  
astonished and humbled all around you.

Send our Spirit to illumine this Word

that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen.**

**Scripture**

Matthew 22:34-46

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

**Sermon**

*THRIVING*

Rev. Trevor Ward

*4. God's Love Spreads Out*

*Stewardship of the resources God has given us completes our lives. One of the resources we receive from God is an overwhelming abundance of love that we should share with everyone we know.*

## ***Responding***

**Sung Prayer**

*Eternal Life*

Olive Dungan

### **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***

**Discipleship-in-Action**     *The Discipleship Pathway for Mulberry St. UMC*     Andy Watson  
*The discipleship pathway is the way we grow and progress on our individual faith journeys  
and is also the way we measure the activities, events, etc. that we plan.*

**Solo**     *Like Him We Rise*     Tom Trenney  
*In response to our receiving from God "an overwhelming abundance of love" we hear:  
He came down that we may have love.  
"Come unto me," our Savior said. "Ye weary, come, I'll give you rest."  
From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed.  
Made like him, like him we rise!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
"Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give."  
Upon the cross, "I thirst," he cried, conquering death that we might live!*

### **Benediction**

#### **Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Trevor Ward, NewRoom Pastor & Youth Pastor  
Andy Watson, member, Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Mary Kathryn Borland and Katie Trotter, soloists  
Mary Kathryn Borland, Caleb Esmond, Sam McDaniel, Camilla Packroff, and Katie Trotter, ensemble  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Steve Moretti and Davis Perkins, Production and Editing

#### **Credits:**

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*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Psalm 90), Public Domain*

*Music: ST. ANNE, Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861*

*Organ setting: Paul Manz, © MorningStar Music*

*Eternal Life*

*Music: Olive Dungan*

*Like Him We Rise*

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