

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 16, 2020  
Eleven O'clock*



### *Entrance and Praise*

**Greeting in the Name of Christ**

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Voluntary**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Charles Callahan

**Call to Worship**

We are God's people, walking together.

**Let us choose the way of the Lord, and live.**

We are God's servants, working together.

**It is the Lord who makes us live and grow.**

Lawton Capps

- \* **Entrance Hymn No. 545**      *The Church's One Foundation*  
*Please remain standing following the hymn.*

AURELIA

\* **Call to Confession**

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

Lawton Capps

\* **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;  
we have turned our hearts away from you.**

**Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism  
disorders our love of you and each other.**

**Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,  
that we may be one with you. Amen.**

Lawton Capps

\* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

Lawton Capps

\* **Congregational Response**

**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.**

*This response is Stanza 4 of Hymn No. 89.*

## Proclamation

### Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.*

*After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

### Prayer for Illumination

Kelly Stone

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. **Amen.**

### Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Kelly Stone

### Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

*The refrain is page 840 in the hymnal. The choir will chant the psalm.*

### \* Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Kelly Stone

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### Sermon

*Everything in Its Season*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

## Response

### \* Hymn No. 500

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

### \* Affirmation of Faith No. 885

*A Modern Affirmation*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Julia Norman

**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.**

### Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

### \* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# *Sending Forth*

- \* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
- \* **Hymn No. 568** (Stanzas 1-3) *Christ for the World We Sing* ITALIAN HYMN
- Welcome New Members** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
*Hymnal Page 38*
- \* **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
- \* **Congregational Response**  
**Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.**

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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

  
Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Lawton Capps, Liturgist  
Kelly Stone, Reader  
Austin Carter, Crucifer  
Henry Carter & Jack Carter, Candlelighters  
Marianne Lokey, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Clay McKemie by Shelby and Gene Cramer  
and Kristy, Kyndall and John Robert McKemie.*

## *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our nursery.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and find us on Facebook.

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and [iheartradio.com](http://iheartradio.com). You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

### **Midweek at Mulberry: February 19**

4:30 p.m. Mulberry Moments, Historical Room  
4:30 p.m. Social Principles Book Study, Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Program: Youth Talent Night  
6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir  
6:15 p.m. Family Connections  
7:05 p.m. Methodism 101, Daughtery Classroom  
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

### **Other opportunities**

#### **Vibrant Ministry (for adults 55 and older) – February 20**

Join us for a lunch trip to Social Circle to eat lunch at the Blue Willow Inn. Meet at Mulberry at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to Linda at [lparker@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:lparker@mulberrymethodist.org).

#### **Farewell Reception for Matt and Carol Woodbery – February 23**

immediately following the 11:00 a.m. services in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Shrove Tuesday – February 25 – 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall**

Join us for our celebration of Pancake Tuesday. The Missions Committee is sponsoring Flood Bucket packing for UMCOR.

#### **Ash Wednesday Service – February 26 – 6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary**

**Join us for Coffee** in the Parlor to welcome Rev. Creede and Bonnie Hinshaw “back” to Mulberry on Sunday, March 1 at 9:45 a.m.

#### **Social Principles Book Study – Sundays Beginning March 1 – Parlor – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

The Social Principles of the UMC are the product of more than a century of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members at General Conference. Studying the Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own approach to the topics included in the Social Principles and to deepen your discipleship. Childcare is available upon request. Books are \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up (478-745-8601).

**Tuesday Disciple Group Study** – Our Tuesday night Disciple Group will have a six-week study of The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, by Adam Hamilton March 3 – April 7. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with brown bag supper and finish at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Sam and Gini Lamback. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. Please call Sam or Gini Lamback, (478) 719-2182.

**Vibrant Ministry Event** – On Thursday, March 12, join the Vibrant Ministry (for adults 55 and older) for dinner at Fish and Pig Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. If you need a ride, please let us know. R.S.V.P. by March 5 to Linda at 745-8601 or [lparker@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:lparker@mulberrymethodist.org).

**Mulberry's Kairos Prison Ministry** – Jesus said, “I was in prison and you came to me...” Once again Mulberry will serve the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend, April 16-19, at Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, Ga. A table will be set up in the Atrium with information about ways to serve this ministry to inmates. We welcome prayer commitments, home-baked cookies, notes/art work by children and adults, and financial contributions (checks to KPMI, Kairos Prison Ministries International). Contact Sam Lamback, [lambacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net) (478)550-3067.