

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



Entrance and Praise

Voluntary

The Church's One Foundation

Charles Callahan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.

Gail Springstead

* **Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Please remain standing following the hymn.

* **Call to Confession**

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

Gail Springstead

* **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.**

Gail Springstead

* **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.

Gail Springstead

* **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

Prayer for Illumination

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.**

Gail Springstead

* **Gospel**

Matthew 5:21-37

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

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Sermon

Everything in Its Season

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Response

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

* **Doxology**

OLD 100TH

**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**

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Gail Springstead, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Melissa's father,
David Nicholson, by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

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.

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 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. 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.

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.

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 (478)550-3067.