

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 23, 2020
Nine O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Voluntary

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Callahan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Call to Worship

Great is the Lord –
exalted among the nations.
Mighty is the Lord –
King of heaven and earth.
Holy is the Lord –
beyond our understanding.
Let us worship our God and King!

Gail Springstead

*** Hymn No. 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Opening Prayer

Jesus, today we celebrate your transfiguration.
You remind us that you are powerful and holy.
We cannot completely understand you,
but you do teach us that you are our God and you love us.
We praise you, Holy Lord!
We glorify you, almighty King!
We exalt you, Son of God!
Thank you for showing us who you are.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**
from The Worship Sourcebook

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples
the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ.
Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe,
the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that we may boldly live the gospel
and shine with your transforming glory
as people changed and changing
through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

Gail Springstead

* **Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9 Gail Springstead
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Philippians 4:4-10 Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Sermon *Continue Mission* Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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. 715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

* **Greeting and Invitation to Reception** Warren Dunn

* **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 loving memory of Ray L. Dominy for his 91st Birthday
by Carolyn Kennedy Dominy and family.*

TRANSFIGURATION

The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally designated for celebrating the transfiguration of Jesus. At the transfiguration the great glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ was made clear to Peter, James, and John (Mark 9:2-12). In this glory we see a fuller representation of Jesus' identity, and we glimpse the glory he would receive at the completion of his redemptive work. Transfiguration is the fourth celebration (after Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of our Lord) that affirms the identity of Jesus as not only fully human but also fully divine. Together these celebrations prepare us for the journey toward the cross and empty tomb.

The timing of this observance is important. Just as the transfiguration prepared Jesus for his passion and death, so our observance of his transfiguration prepares us for our Lenten journey in which we concentrate on his sufferings. The spirit and the colors of the worship space at this time should aim to reflect God's glory, so the suggested color for celebrating Transfiguration is white.

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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 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 26

5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Other opportunities

Farewell Reception for Matt and Carol Woodbery – Today

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 ‘N 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...” 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.