

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 3, 2019
Eleven O'clock

*As you enter this holy space and begin to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here,"
you are encouraged to use these moments to become aware of the quiet places within
so that you are ready to worship God. Please silence your cell phones.
Come, let us worship God.*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Please sign the Attendance Pad as it is passed, and then return it to the center aisle,
noting the names of those who are seated on your pew.*

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

Voluntary

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Donald Busarow

Call to Worship

Caroline Stiles Williams

We have traveled to this holy place,
to worship God together.
We have come seeking a word from God,
a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.
We have come longing for a glimpse of God,
or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.
Through our worship, music, learning, and laughter,
may God focus our sight through the lens of God's love.
Let us worship God together!
from Call to Worship

* **Entrance Hymn No. 79** (Stanzas 1-4)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT

Prayer

Caroline Stiles Williams

Eternal Light, **shine into our hearts;**
eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil;**
eternal Power, **be our support;**
eternal Wisdom, **scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**
eternal Love, **have mercy upon us,**
that with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
from The Worship Sourcebook

*Children exit for Children's Church at this time and can meet Rev. Norman at the side exit to the Sanctuary.
K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room. They will be escorted back to the sanctuary
to receive communion and return to their families.*

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

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.

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Melinda Powell

*** Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:21-30

Melinda Powell

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

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Homily

A More Excellent Way

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Hymn No. 620 (refrain)

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Please remain seated and sing the refrain. Soloists will sing the verses.

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Confession and Pardon

Before we were formed in the womb, O God, you knew us and you loved us.

Before we have uttered a prayer, O God, you hear us and you love us. You call us to reflect your love, to be love for one another. Too often, we are clanging cymbals, aiming for volume rather than love. Too often, we are greedy beings, searching for success rather than love. Too often, we are shallow followers, content with comfort rather than love.

Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into wholeness.

from Call to Worship

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Please join the choir and sing when indicated:

Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm

Soloist: Come to the table of . . .

All: Come to the table of . . .

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of . . .

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Taste and See

James Moore

The soloist will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier

All: "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

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God Welcomes All

John Bell

All: God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

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Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 549** (Stanzas 1-5)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honored by God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

*Please feel free to remain seated for the closing voluntary.
If departing, please be sensitive to those remaining for the concluding music.*

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in D

J. S. Bach

* *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**.*

Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.


Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Lynneth Whitten, Matthew Roberts, Chuck Huber, and Doris Granum, Soloists
Caroline Stiles Williams, Liturgist
Melinda Powell, Lay Reader
Carol Pope, Bread Baker
Katie Griffis & Mickey Pope, Lay Communion Servers
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Austin Carter, Crucifer
Piper Bushway & John Morgan Manley, Candlelighters
Akins Manley, Communion Steward

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. N. A. Powers and Mrs. Allene McCall by Doyle and Lullene Powers.*

Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshipping 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.

Nursery Care is available for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions.

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.

Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.