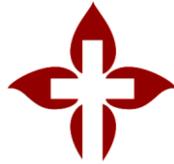


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 3, 2019  
Nine 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.*



## Voluntary

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Donald Busarow

## 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.**

## Call to Worship

Mary Carson

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*

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## Prayer

Mary Carson

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*

## 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.**

*Daniel Iverson, OneLicense.net #A-712041*

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Mary Carson

### \* Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

### Homily

*A More Excellent Way*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### Invitation to the Table

Rev. Julia Norman

### 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

Hymnal, pages 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

## 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

## 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** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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### \* **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  
Rev. Julia Norman  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Mary Carson, Liturgist  
Krysta Therieau and Adele Bauman, Soloists*

## *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.

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](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.

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>.

## *Upcoming Opportunities*

### **Study: Angels**

Sundays, February 3 & 10

10:00 am

Becomers Classroom

Leader: Creede Hinshaw

### **VIBRANT Events**

(55 & Up Adults)

#### **Trip to Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson, Ga.**

Thursday, February 7

Depart from Mulberry at 11:00 a.m.

RSVP by Monday, January 28 to [lparker@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:lparker@mulberrymethodist.org)

or call the church office at 745-8601.

#### **VIBRANT Luncheon**

Thursday, February 28

11:00 am – 12:30 p.m.

Parlor

Guest Speaker: Flo Sapp Martin

RSVP by Monday, February 25 to [lparker@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:lparker@mulberrymethodist.org)

or call the church office at 745-8601.

#### **Preparing for Special General Conference**

To prepare our congregation for the Special General Conference.

February 6: Steve Rumford's presentation on Wesleyan Covenant Association  
and a presentation by District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rick Lanford,

for open discussion about Conference and District.

Led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall