

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2020
Nine O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

- Voluntary** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Wayne Wold
- Greeting in the Name of Christ** Rev. Jeff Cook
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
- Call to Worship** Melissa Anderson
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."
Thanks be to God.
- * **Entrance Hymn No. 57** (Stanzas 1-5) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
Please remain standing following the hymn.
- * **Call to Confession** Melissa Anderson
Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.
- * **Prayer of Confession** Melissa Anderson
**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.
We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.
Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.
Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- * **Declaration of Forgiveness** Melissa Anderson
In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.
- * **Congregational Response**
**In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.**

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Melissa Anderson

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts
you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

Melissa Anderson

* **Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon

Salt and Light

Rev. Jeff Cook

* **Hymn No. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

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. Jeff Cook

* **Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . .

* **Benediction**

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *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. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Melissa Anderson, Liturgist*

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. 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 next Joining Sunday is February 16.

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 12

- 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: Valentine's Dinner and Music
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, Children's Choir Rooms
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 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. Mission Committee is sponsoring Flood Bucket packing for UMCOR.

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

