

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 14, 2018  
Eleven O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Austin Carter

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Christi James

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,  
**“Here I am!”**  
Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,  
**“Here I am!”**  
Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day,  
and we answer,  
**“Here I am!”**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 593  
“Here I am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

\* Opening Prayer

Christi James

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Loving God,  
you know us better than we know ourselves.  
Our prayers are in your heart  
even before they are on our lips.  
And yet we must utter our prayers.  
We must proclaim our praise of you  
and all your wondrous creation.  
Your love surrounds us  
and you have promised to be with us always.  
You know our hearts’ desire to serve you.  
We pray that you will keep us true to that desire.  
And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Austin Carter

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise  
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Ainsworth Choir  
Gordon Young  
Based on MADRID



***Children age 5K and under are invited  
to leave for children's church after the Act of Praise.***

## ***Proclamation and Response***

\* New Testament Lesson  
John 1:35-45

Christi James

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

Sermon  
"Can I Get a Witness?"

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

## *Responding to the Word*

Pastoral Prayer Austin Carter

The Lord's Prayer Austin Carter

**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.**

Hymn No. 430  
"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

Offering of our Gifts  
"Meditation on MARYTON" Dale Wood

\* Doxology OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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 Austin Carter


\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 419  
"I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

"Fanfare" Gordon Young

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Guest Pastor  
Austin Carter, Lay Reader  
Christi James, Lay Reader  
Pat Crowe, Organist  
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music  
Ainsworth Choir  
Alex Stone, Crucifer  
Austin Carter & Edie Sharpton, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
George William Grier, Jr. and Sarah Hodges Grier  
by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.*

***Rev. Dr. J. Maddox Woodbery***

*The Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He is an Ordained Elder of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.*

*Chaplain (Colonel) Woodbery (Retired) served multiple assignments and positions from 1988 until retirement in 2017. Most notably, Matt served as a battalion chaplain during operations in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. He also served as deputy Joint Staff Chaplain, Office of the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.*

*Dr. Woodbery currently serves as the Director of Connectional Ministries for the South Georgia Conference.*

*He and his wife, Carol, are the proud parents of Callahan Woodbery.*

*We welcome Matt and Carol to Mulberry and Macon.*

## *If You Are New to Mulberry*

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register  
as it is passed.*

*Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!*

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to  
participate in our worship, growth opportunities  
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you  
will find this church to be a warm,  
caring community that you can call home.*

*Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.*

*Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

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we invite you to visit us at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and find us on Facebook.*

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**Today's Sermon**

"Can I Get a Witness?"

**Today's Scripture**

John 1:35-45

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

<sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

<sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

<sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

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