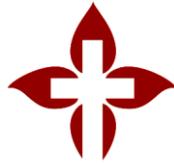


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Baptism of the Lord*  
*January 13, 2018*  
*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**

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:2-4

Rev. Julia Norman

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name,  
**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders,**

**the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Come, let us worship God!

\* **Hymn No. 57** (Stanzas 1-4)

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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#### **Opening Prayer**

Rev. Julia Norman

### *Proclamation and Response*

#### **Children's Moment**

Rev. Julia Norman

*Children are invited to meet Rev. Norman on the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for Children's Church after Children's Moment.*

#### **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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**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Heidi Ream

\* **Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

**Solo**

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

arr. David Johnson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.

**Sermon**

*When Jesus Said "Yes"*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Remembering Our Baptism**

*You are invited to come forward and have a minister make the sign of the cross on your forehead with water from the font.*

*Please sing.*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

*African American spiritual*

**Take me to the water. Take me to the water.**

**Take me to the water to be baptized.**

**I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do.**

**He's my Savior. He's my Savior. He's my Savior, yes, he is.**

**Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.**

*African American spiritual*

**Prayer**

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

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

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the faith, hope, and love you give to us through the blessing of our baptism – claiming us as your beloved children, calling us to the path of discipleship, revealing to us the light of your glory. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, help us to follow you with faith, to trust in you with hope, and to serve you with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory** *How Firm a Foundation*

Mack Wilberg

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,  
in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,  
at home or abroad, on the land or the sea  
as thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

### \* **Doxology**

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**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**

\* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 529** (Stanzas 1-4) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

### \* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### \* **Congregational Response**

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never for sake."**

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

### **Closing Voluntary**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Michael Burkhardt

\* *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*  
*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Julia Norman, Director of Children & Family Ministries*  
*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Katie Trotter, Soprano*  
*Heidi Ream, Lay Reader*  
*Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte*  
*John Morgan Manley, Crucifer*  
*Stebin Horne & Laura Wilson, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and loving memory of our parents, George and Sarah Grier  
and Brooks and Mary Beth Gaudry, by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.*



## *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 provided 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>.