

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# The Church at Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 19, 2020  
Eleven O'clock



## Entrance and Praise

### Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### Voluntary

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

### Call to Worship

Psalm 40:3, 5

Henry Carter

Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,  
**for God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!**  
Come, let us worship God!

### \* Entrance Hymn No. 140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

### Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

Jack Carter

### Prayer of Confession

Isaiah 49:1, 3, 4, 6

Jack Carter

**Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things,  
and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain.  
Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern,  
that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 40:2, 4, 8; John 1:29

Jack Carter

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

### Congregational Response

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

## Proclamation and Response

### Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.  
After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room  
and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

### Prayer for Illumination

1 Corinthians 1:6, 7; Psalm 40:6, 9

Katie Griffis

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove:  
Open our ears to the truth of your word,  
that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us  
and the glad news of deliverance revealed. **Amen.**

**Old Testament** Isaiah 49:1-7 Katie Griffis

**Psalm** Psalm 40:1-11 Beautiful Sheriff  
*Psalm 40 is found on page 774 in the hymnbook. Please sing the refrain and read responsively.*

\* **Gospel** John 1:29-42 Katie Griffis, Chace Crowell, Austin Carter  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** Jack Carter, Henry Carter

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Sermon** *The Call* Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Hymn No. 396** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

**Prayers of the People** Johnny Hathcock  
*Please respond: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### 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

**Offertory** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* George N. Allen  
arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,  
Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.  
I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land.  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last,  
Where the strife and the pain all are past;  
I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land:  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee,  
With my dream of a world that is free  
For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned.  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.  
*This text by Joyce Merman was written in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### \* **Doxology**

**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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Hymn No. 98**

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Congregational Response**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

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

**Closing Voluntary**

*To God Be the Glory*

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  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir*

*Beautiful Sheriff, Soloist  
Madeleine Londa, Soprano  
Katie Griffis, Reader*

*Katie Griffis, Chace Crowell, Austin Carter, Jack Carter, Henry Carter, Readers  
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte  
Henry McClure, Crucifer  
Campbell McIntyre & Stella McIntyre, Candlelighters  
Melinda Powell, Children's Church*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their new membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church by Pam and Chuck Huber.*

## *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. 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.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. 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](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 at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and [iheartradio.com](http://iheartradio.com). You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

### **Midweek at Mulberry: January 22**

4:30 p.m. Mulberry Moments, Historical Room  
4:30 p.m. Social Principles Book Study  
5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Generation to Generation (G2G) Team Recap  
6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, Children's Choir Rooms  
6:15 pm Family Connections  
7:05 p.m. Methodist 101, Daughtery Classroom  
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

### **Wednesday class offerings**

**Social Principles Book Study** – 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Rev. Julia Norman, leader, studying the principles that are a product of more than a century of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of the General Conference. Contact [jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org) to order the book (\$5).

**Methodism 101** – 7:05-8:00 p.m. – Rev. Jeff Cook, leader, using *Come to the Table: What It Means to Be Methodist*. Register at [jcook@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:jcook@mulberrymethodist.org). Jan. 15 – Feb. 19

**Mulberry Moments** – 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Carolyn Kennedy Dominy, leader, studying important and interesting moments in our congregation's history. Register at [cken@cox.net](mailto:cken@cox.net). Limited space. Jan. 22 – Feb. 12

### **Other opportunities**

**Women's Bible Study** – Sundays – 5:00 p.m. – Home of Molly Walker, 731-7175. Study of Hebrews

### **Book Fair – Sunday, February 2**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity for all Sunday school classes, small groups, and those interested in personal reading and devotion to come and see what materials are available through Cokesbury.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 2**

Mulberry St. UMC will participate with the Souper Bowl of Caring two ways on February 2.

#### **Sunday morning**

Following each of the morning services, youth will be at the door to take your collection – suggesting one dollar or one item of food for people in need. Our morning collection will go to Macon Outreach.

#### **Sunday afternoon, February 2, 3:00 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 565**

#### **Wimbish Road**

Our congregation is co-hosting a hymn festival with Northminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

Entitled *Hope: A Vision for 2020*, the festival will include a variety of familiar hymns and perhaps some hymns new to you – filled with the message of hope. Tom Granum will be the organist/pianist and director for the hymn festival. Our Ainsworth Choir will provide much of the leadership.

Similar to our morning services, you will have the opportunity to make a donation following the festival. Afternoon proceeds will be divided between Macon Outreach and Loaves & Fishes, both of which serve the needs of the working poor and hungry in Macon.

#### **What is Souper Bowl of Caring?**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.