

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 2018
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Opening Voluntary
“All Glory Be to God on High”

Cam Bishop, Organist
Timothy Albrecht

Call to Worship

Julia Magda

God looks from heaven upon the children of earth
to see whether there are any wise enough
to seek the fellowship of God.

**By faith, may Christ live within our hearts,
that we may be rooted and grounded in love
and filled with all the fullness of God.**

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
the people of faith shall rejoice,
and the whole church be glad.

**We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus,
from whom every family on earth is named.**

To God be all the glory,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
**throughout all generations,
forever and ever.**

(written by Bruce Prewer)

* Entrance Hymn No. 529
“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

We bow our hearts before You, Father God.
You are the Creator of everything we see
in heaven and on earth.

We pray that out of your glorious, unlimited resources,
you would strengthen our hearts and minds
through the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your love be the rich soil
in which our lives are rooted.

May your love be the firm foundation on which we build,
so that, together with all your people everywhere,
we would come to truly understand how long,
how high, how wide and how deep your love really is –
how it far surpasses anything we can imagine.
God, fill us with the fullness and the power
that comes from you alone,
so that our lives would reflect your goodness and grace
to the world around us. **Amen.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Rich Kosowski, Tenor

“Ye People Rend Your Hearts...

Mendelssohn

If With All Your Hearts” (from *Elijah*)

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Moment

Rev. Jeff Cook

Children are invited to meet Jeff on the chancel steps.

K-4 and K-5 children will leave for

Children’s Church after Children’s Moment.

* Hymn of Preparation No. 191

“Jesus Loves Me”

JESUS LOVES ME

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jeff Cook

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, bless our lives, sanctify us,

and in your way, grant us our hearts’ desire.

Anoint us with your grace,

that what we desire is also what you desire.

Help us to understand that our hearts’ true desire

is the love of you.

May the love of Christ urge us on, may we walk by faith.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, bless those who govern –

bless the leaders of nations, countries,

towns and cities.

And those who lead in all manner – social, political,

and religious – bless us all.

Fill the hearts of all with your wisdom.

Guide us in the way of justice and integrity for all.

Guide us to walk by faith.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, tend to those who suffer in mind, body,
and spirit.
Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry.
Help us to follow the love of Christ,
a love which urges us on.
Help us to seek and serve Christ in others,
bringing forth a new creation.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, we ask all this in the name of Christ,
our redeemer,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
who activates your love in us.
May your love be like seed scattered –
manifesting in small and unexpected ways –
the greatness of You.
May your love take root in our lives,
and may we walk by faith.
Prayer (adapted) by Rev. Terri C. Pilarski

Lord in your mercy,
hear our 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.**

* Gospel Lesson
John 6:1-21

Julia Magda

Epistle Lesson
Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon
“Assessing the Capacity for Change”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Affirmation of Faith
The World Methodist Social Affirmation

Rev. Jeff Cook

We believe in God,
creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe,
God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice,
and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national,
and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth
and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually
and as a community to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
"Let Us Break Bread Together"
(*Air from Cantata*)

Rich Kosowski, Tenor
arr. John Carter

* 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

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

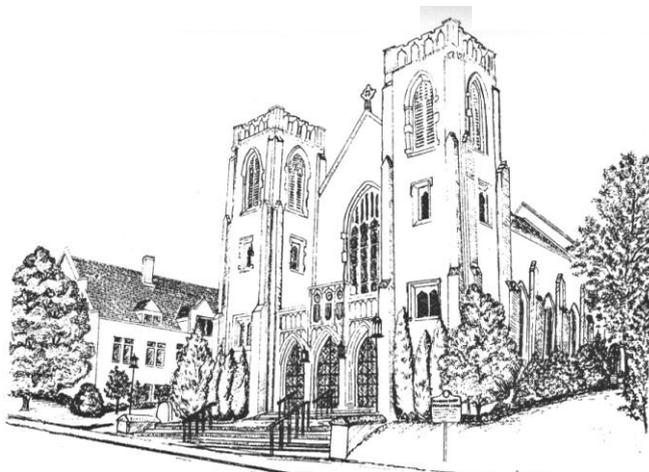
The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary
Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" Craig Phillips

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rich Kosowski, Director of Music
Cam Bishop, Organist
Julia Magda, Lay Reader
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Ben Jamison, Crucifer
Graham Hefner, Candlelighter

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents, Ed and Pree Sell,
and Clyde and Bettie Smith by Ed and Lenore Sell.*



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.

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
www.mulberrymethodist.org and find us on Facebook.*

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Today's Sermon

“Assessing the Capacity for Change”

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,^[a] ¹⁵ from whom every family^[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

(Reprinted from the South Georgia Advocate,
<https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate.>)

John Wesley tried a two-day experiment in sharing his faith. He decided that for two days he would only speak to others about godly things if the Holy Spirit directly prompted him to do so.

At the end of this two-day experiment he concluded: 1) That he spoke to none at all, even when he rode many miles with them in a coach except for a few words when setting out. 2) That he had no cross to bear and soon went to sleep. 3) That he had much respect shown to him and that everyone thought he was a civil, good-natured gentleman.

He decided that he should at all times be a verbal witness for Christ whether he felt like it or not.

John Wesley would encourage us to go and do likewise.