

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# *The Church at Worship*

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



Gathering Music

Fifth Sunday

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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)*

Opening Hymn Medley

Fifth Sunday

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love,  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do,

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems,  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams,  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

“Sweet By and By”

There’s a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar,  
For the Father waits over the way,  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

*Refrain:*

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore,  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

To our bountiful Father above,  
We will offer our tribute of praise,  
For the glorious gift of his love,  
And the blessings that hallow our days.

Act of Praise Fifth Sunday  
“Whispering Hope”

Prayer Hymn No. 338 Fifth Sunday  
“Where He Leads Me”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.**

New Testament Lesson Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
“Assessing the Capacity for Change”

Offering of our Gifts and Tithes  
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Fifth Sunday

\* 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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Closing Hymn No. 575

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery*

*Fifth Sunday*

*Johnny Hathcock*

*Barbara Henley*

*Sam Lamback*

*Sean McCarty*

*Jerry Stinchcomb*

*Lynneth Whitten*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Charles Anderson  
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church*  
*July 29, 2018*

*Today's Sermon*

“Assessing the Capacity for Change”

*Today's Scripture*

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*John Wesley Moments*

**Rev. Dave Hanson**

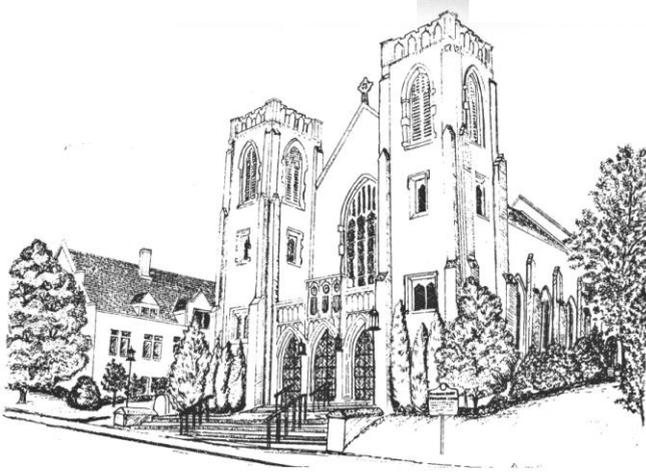
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<https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate.>)

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.



## *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.*

*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.*

### *Connect with us Online*

*You can learn more about our church community,  
staff and other events by visiting our website at  
[www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org).*

### *Previous Sermons Available Online*

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
on the home page click on "Media" and sermons  
are found on the right side of the page.*

## *Bible Study Options*

### **Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study**

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)  
(begins August 26) All women are welcome.  
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or [mollywalker@cox.net](mailto:mollywalker@cox.net).

### **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road  
Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813) or [clarerauls@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarerauls@bellsouth.net).

### **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study**

7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)  
Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

## *Small Groups*

### **Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group**

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

### **Tuesday Evening Small Group**

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback (821 Wesleyan Drive)  
Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or  
[lambacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net).

### **Tuesday Evening Small Group**

6:30 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)  
Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

## *United Methodist Women's Circles*

### **Esther Circle**

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>)  
at Noon in the Church Parlor

Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or  
[magaudry@cox.net](mailto:magaudry@cox.net).

### **Grace Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>)  
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.

Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or  
[marilynar@cox.net](mailto:marilynar@cox.net).

### **Paula Motes Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>) at  
4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or [dkg0221@cs.com](mailto:dkg0221@cs.com).