

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 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
“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship

Harold Chapman

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is a day of new beginnings!
**This is a time for growing
into new disciples for Jesus.**
Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.
Let us be prepared for service to God.

* Entrance Hymn No. 545
“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

God of every thought and reality,
the holy, prophetic sustainer of community,
we gather here today as your people,
children of the good news.
Assure us of your presence once again,
that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,
as we gather in the name of our Savior,
who is Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**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
"O Be Joyful"

Ainsworth Choir
Huston

Proclamation and Response

Psalm Reading
Psalm 20:1-9

Harold Chapman

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 Moments.*

Celebration of Appointment

David Baskette

Dear friends, today we welcome Matt Woodbery
who has been appointed to serve as our senior pastor
and Jeff Cook, who has been reappointed to serve
as our associate pastor.

We believe that they are well qualified
and have been prayerfully appointed by
our Bishop, Lawson Bryan.

Matt and Jeff, you have been sent to live among us
as bearers of the Word of God;
ministers of the Sacraments;
and sustainers of the love, order,
and discipleship of the people of God.

Matt and Jeff

Today, we reaffirm this commitment
in the presence of this congregation.

David Baskette

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Matt and Jeff
in these ministries?

Congregation

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts,
service and witness.**

Jeff

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
**who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation.**

Matt

Let us pray together.

**Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us
in our ministries together,
lay and clergy.
Give them and us patience, courage,
and wisdom
so to care for one another
and challenge one another
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,
living together in love,
and offering our gifts
and talents in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Harold Chapman

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

Sermon
“Joining the Journey”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of our Gifts
“Salix”

Percy Whitlock

* 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. 383
“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

BEGINNINGS

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

Closing Voluntary
“Finale”

Eric Thiman

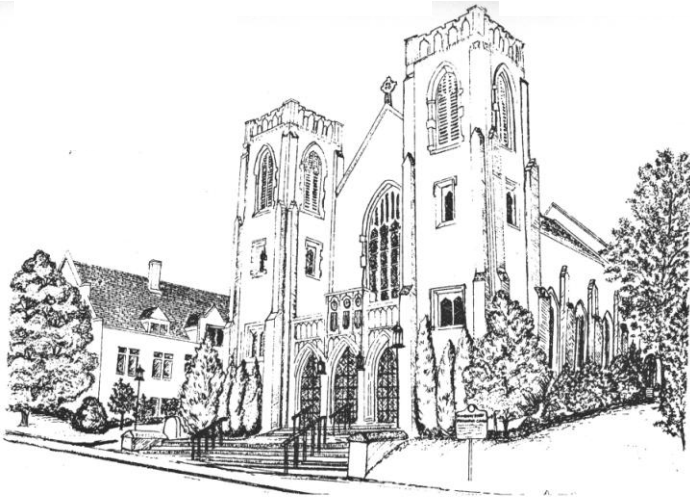
* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Lisa Shepard, Conductor
Ainsworth Choir
Harold Chapman, Lay Reader
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Alex Stone, Crucifer
Ben Jamison, Candlelighter*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband Wilton E. Foster
and her sister Esther Ussery
and in honor of the fathers at
Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
by June Foster.*



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 worshipping 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
and find us on Facebook.*

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*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon
"Joining the Journey"

Today's Scripture
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. ⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing. ⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

¹⁴ Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Sermon Notes

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