

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Pentecost Sunday
June 9, 2019
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

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Voluntary

A Pentecost Prelude

Charles Callahan

Pentecost Proclamation

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Procession

Please remain seated and sing softly:

Holy Spirit, come to us.

Opening Prayer

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stebin Horne

* **Hymn No. 539**

O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

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.

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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.

Litany

The Murmuring Dove

Shirley McRae

Choir: Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Good Spirit of God, guide of your children,
keep them all for the glory of the Creator, keep them all in the love of one another,
lead them all in the quest for the honor of the kingdom.

**All: Be our guide through this pilgrimage of living,
turn us each to the other in self-giving.**

Choir: To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Pure Spirit of God, fresh wind of blessing, let your fire in its energy inflame us;
let your healing from misery reclaim us; lead us all where the faithful Christ's grace
are confessing.

**All: Be our guide through this pilgrimage of living,
turn us each to the other in self-giving.**

Choir: With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Great Spirit of God, source of all justice, in your war against hatred keep us faithful;
in protecting the poor keep us watchful;
in our search for the household of peace still protect us.

**All: Be our guide through this pilgrimage of living,
turn us each to the other in self-giving.**

Epistle

Romans 8:14-17

Austin Carter

Psalm

Psalm 104: A Litany of Praise

Austin Carter

*When indicated, please say with great conviction: **Praise the Lord, O my soul.***

*We are reminded that the Holy Spirit has gone out, and voices from around the world
join us in this psalm of praise.*

*** Gospel Reading**

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

A Promise Kept

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 500**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

* **Affirmation No. 885**

A Modern Affirmation

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

This affirmation is No. 885 in the hymnal.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. John Leavitt

Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling.
No soul can guess his grace till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

* **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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

I'M GOIN'A SING

The soloist will sing the first line of each stanza.

*Although this hymn is No. 333 in the hymnal, you're invited to sing without the hymnal,
following the soloist's lead.*

Soloist: I'm goin'a _____ when the Spirit says _____,

All: **I'm goin'a _____ when the Spirit says _____, (repeat)
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

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

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

* *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, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Caleb Esmond, Organ
Joycelyn Jackson, Flute
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Joel Terning, Baritone
Luke Baker and Amelia Tripp, Percussion
Stebin Horne, Lay Reader
Austin Carter, Lay Reader
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte
Ella Magda, Crucifer
Jack Carter, Candlelighter
Austin Carter, Akins Manley, and Alex Stone, Dove-Bearers
Amanda Smith, Children's Church

*The flowers are given by Doris and Tom Granum for Pentecost ("tongues of fire")
in appreciation of the love and care expressed by the congregation and Ainsworth Choir
on the recent death of Eleanor R. Granum, born June 12, 1920.*

Pentecost

Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send 'another counselor' (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel. (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Combined Worship Service Sunday, June 30 @ 11:00 a.m.

The three congregations (9:00 a.m. Chapel, 10:00 a.m. New Room, and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary) will worship together at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Church-Wide 4th of July Luncheon - Sunday, June 30

Our luncheon will immediately follow the combined 11:00 am service in the Fellowship Hall with BBQ, stew, and cole slaw.

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 available 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 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 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.