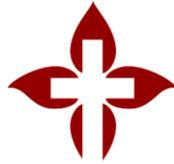


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Please sign the Attendance Pad as it is passed, and then return it to the center aisle,
noting the names of those who are seated on your pew.*

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

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

Call to Worship

Laura Wilson

In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,
**for the weight of the world is not ours to carry,
and the life of the church is not ours to save.**

Repent and believe,
**for the calling of Christ leads us to follow,
and the grace of God offers us transformation.**
Come, let us worship God!

*** Entrance Hymn No. 110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Prayer of Confession

Laura Wilson

**God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives:
service before success, faith before knowledge,
partnership over independence, the cross over the crown.
Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,
rejecting your call through our actions or inaction.
Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love.
Forgive us, God, and grant us peace. Amen.**

Congregational Response

Jane Marshall

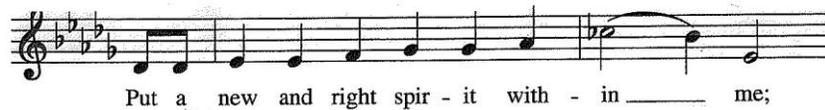
Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart,

Congregation:



Choir: Put a new and right spirit within me;

Congregation:



Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart,

Congregation:



Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emily Jane Mooney

Daughter of Yancey and Whitney Mooney

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and include Emily now before you in your care?
We will.

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Emily with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others.
We will pray for her that she may be a true
disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Choral Response

A Song of Promise

Robert Powell

Welcome, Emily, welcome, see our hands reach toward you.
Did you hear our promise to care, to teach, to love you?

There is one body, one spirit. There is one hope in God's call,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all.

Welcome, Emily, welcome to God's house today.
Now you are invited to learn, to love, to pray.

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

*Children are invited to meet Rev. Norman 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

Please remain seated to sing.

**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.**

Daniel Iverson, OneLicense.net #A-712041

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Freeda Chapman

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Freeda Chapman

* Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

The Journey Through the Desert

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Congregational Psalm

Psalm 91: *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Jonas

Please remain seated and sing the refrain when indicated:

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

A Prayer for Lent in Response to the Word

Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread.

**Save us from using our power, however little,
to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.**

Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top.

**Save us from displaying our skills, however modest,
to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

**Save us from offering our devotion, however weak,
to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path
on which you bid us to follow you.**

Jesus the Christ,

**give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive
help us to choose the will of God. Amen.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

C. H. Kitson

Jesus, grant me this I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay: Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee;
Dying in me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

* 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.**

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Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST
(Stanzas 1-4)

* **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**
**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

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

Closing Voluntary *On Eagle's Wings* Charles Callahan

* *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
Adele Bauman, Soloist
Cherub and Wesley Choirs
Katie Trotter, Violin
Lisa Shepard, Piano
Laura Wilson, Liturgist
Freedra Chapman, Lay Reader
Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte & Baptism Aquifer
Henry McClure, Crucifer
Evan Bogle & Emerson Toles, Candlelighters
Amanda Smith, Children's Church*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mildred and E. L. Brooking by Jimmy and Jean Weatherford.*

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>.