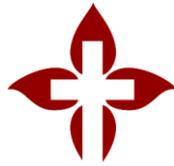


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019
Nine 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.*



Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

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.**

Call to Worship

Adele Bauman

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

Adele Bauman

**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.**

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.**

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.**

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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.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Adele Bauman

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Adele Bauman

* 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 Joncas

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

* 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 No. 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

LAND OF REST

* **Benediction**

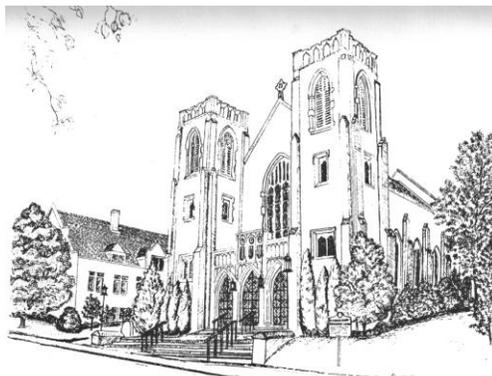
Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Adele Bauman, Liturgist and Soloist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the 9:00 a.m. worship service.*



Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshipping 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>.

Upcoming Opportunities

John Wesley's Message for Today Study

Sundays Beginning March 10
10:00 a.m. - Becomers Class
Led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Lenten Study on Wednesdays at Noon

Bring your own lunch – we will meet in the Conference Room.
Purchase the following book: *Near the Cross* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr.
It is available through Cokesbury (online or 800-672-1789) or Amazon.
We will meet on the following dates in the Conference Room (with the exception of April 17).

March 13

Prayer and Service (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

March 20

Prayer and Formation (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

March 27

Prayer and Sacrifice (Led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery)

April 3

Prayer and Perseverance (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

April 10

Prayer and Discipleship (Led by Rev. Julia Norman)

April 17

Holy Week Service and Luncheon (Led by Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard)

April 24

Easter: Prayer and Gratitude (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

Midweek at Mulberry Opportunities During Lent

We invite you to join us at Midweek at Mulberry during the season of Lent
for the following opportunities:

March 13

Conversation and Prayer following Special Called General Conference

March 20

Birmingham-Southern College Concert Choir in the Sanctuary

March 27

Prayer and Formation led by Rev. Julia Norman

April 3

Prayer and Sacrifice/Perseverance led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

April 10

Prayer and Service led by Rev. Jeff Cook and the Missions Team

The evenings of March 27, April 3, and April 10 will include a combination of teaching and experiential learning. For instance, on April 10, we will serve together by packing hygiene kits for UMCOR. The teaching will be based on Kenneth H. Carter Jr.'s book *Near the Cross*.

As always, we will meet for supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with programs to follow