

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020
Nine O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Voluntary

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Call to Worship

Mary Carson

Jesus met the blind man at the city gate.

Jesus met the crowds at the edge of the sea.

Jesus met the leper in his pain.

Jesus met the Samaritan woman in her isolation.

So with confidence we declare –

Jesus meets us here.

For we too are the blind and the broken, the hurting and the bleeding.

Jesus meets our scars, our fears, our prayers, and our dreams.

So you are welcome here.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship Holy God.

* **Entrance Hymn No. 127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Call to Confession

from Romans 5:5

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

When it comes to our faith, we know we could learn from the Samaritan woman who ran through the streets singing your name.

So forgive us for the times when we remain silent about what our faith means to us.

Forgive us for the times when we choose comfort over bravery.

And forgive us for the times we shut people out, missing opportunities to run into you.

Teach us to be brave like the Samaritan woman, and saturate our thirst for that which leaves us thirsty.

With hope and gratitude we confess.

With hope and gratitude we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from Romans 5:8-10

This is the good news of God's grace:
Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.
Once we were lost and dead –
now Christ has become our life and salvation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Response

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.**

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

from John 4:41-42

**Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures
and by the power of your Spirit,
may we hear for ourselves the good news,
and believe, because of your Word,
that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.**

* **Gospel**

John 4:5-42

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

Sermon

Living Water and Authentic Worship

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Response

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

**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.**

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. Creede Hinshaw

* **Hymn No. 731**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

* **Benediction**

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

* *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**.*

Lenten Prayer

During the Lenten season, you are invited to spend time in prayer in the Mulberry Prayer Room at the conclusion of the chapel service. The Prayer Room is located across from the Parlor on the main floor.

*Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Interim Senior Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Caleb Esmond, Piano
Mary Carson, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God by Denny and Julie Julius
in loving memory of Denny's parents, William and Marian Julius.*

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. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our 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.

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 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and iheartradio.com. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

Midweek at Mulberry: March 18

5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Program: Anatomy of Peace Study/Daughtery Class
6:15 p.m. 40 Day Prayer Challenge Study/Conference Room
6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir
6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Other opportunities

40 Day Prayer Challenge Study - 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room (first floor). Come be surprised with a refreshing experience of God's presence like never before! You will look back on these 40 days as the best 40 days of your life. Video and table discussion.

The Anatomy of Peace Study – Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Daughtery Classroom (2nd floor). Everyone is encouraged to join us in the study of “The Anatomy of Peace” Call the church office, 745-8601 or email Linda Parker at lparker@mulberrymethodist.org to sign up.

Mulberry's Kairos Prison Ministry – Jesus said, “I was in prison and you came to me...” Mulberry will serve the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend, April 16-19, at Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, Ga. A table is set up in the Atrium with information about ways to serve this ministry to inmates. We welcome prayer commitments, home-baked cookies, notes/art work by children and adults, and financial contributions (checks to KPMI, Kairos Prison Ministries International). Contact Sam Lamback, lambacks@bellsouth.net (478)550-3067.

We're Building a Habitat for Humanity Home This Spring!

Thank you for your generous giving to our Lenten offering for Habitat. To date, we have raised \$9,100. Our goal is \$12,000. Bring your gifts to worship, give them on our website, or bring/mail to: P.O. Box 149, Macon, GA 31202. Building will begin this spring. Questions? Contact Jeff Cook or Lee Triesenberg, Chair of Missions Committee.