

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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.*



Entrance and Praise

Voluntary

Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

Greeting in the Name of Christ

*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.*

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Call to Worship

God's gifts are as many as the stars,
God's grace as endless as the evening sky.
Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,
the One in whom we place our trust.

Harold Downs

* **Entrance Hymn No. 295**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Harold Downs

Confession

God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.
In times of temptation we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need,
yet we often remain unsatisfied;
you trust us to care for creation,
yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given.
You show us the way we are to follow,
yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.
Forgive us, we pray.

Harold Downs

(Silence)

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who, in spite of his temptations,
was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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Hear the good news!
 Who is in a position to condemn?
 Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns for us.
 Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
 The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
 Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
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 and Response***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.**

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**** Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:31-35

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

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Rev. Jeff Cook

Sermon*The Journey to Citizenship*

Rev. Jeff Cook

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts*** Doxology**OLD 100TH

**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. 396** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

*** Benediction**

Rev. Jeff Cook

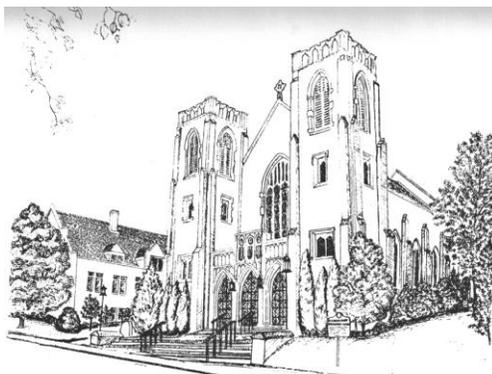
** Please rise in body or spirit.*

*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, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Harold Downs, Lay Reader*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the teachers of the Joy Class.*



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 - 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 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 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.