

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020
Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

Call to Worship

God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

God created in the wilderness.

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

For God is with us – before, through, and after the wilderness.

Let us worship God!

Amen.

Doris Granum

* Entrance Hymn No. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Doris Granum

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

try me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ,

let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of Creation,

**The psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue,
you know it completely.**

You know the prayers we bring before you today –

confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret.

Free us from these sins.

**Give us strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you,
and “yes” to the things that let love grow.**

Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Response *Psalm 51* Jane Marshall
Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.
Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.
Put a new and right spirit within me.
Put a new and right spirit within me.
Create in me, O God a clean heart, a clean heart.
Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Assurance of Pardon Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20 Doris Granum
The Lord God said:
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."
Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

The Peace
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

*Children ages 5K and under are invited to leave for Children's Church
during the Congregational Prayer for Illumination.*

Prayer for Illumination Heather Evans
God of call, God of transformation,
God of the Lenten journey,
help us to discern your still, small voice.
Open us to change and growth,
that we may walk through the wilderness with Christ.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Heather Evans

* **Gospel** Mathew 4:1-11 Rev. Creede Hinshaw
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "And Though This World with Devils Filled . . ." Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Thanksgiving and Communion

Hymn (insert) *When We Are Tested* ANGELS OF HEALING
Please rise in body or spirit to sing when indicated.
Stanza 1 – soloist
Please rise in body or spirit.
Stanza 2 – all
Stanza 3 – choir
Stanza 4 – all

Invitation to the Table

Isaiah 55:1; Psalm 63:4-5

Rev. Sam Lamback

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
let those who have no money come and eat.

**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts *Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray*

C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, every 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 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; Jesus, cast me not from Thee;
Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Creede Hinshaw & Rev. Sam Lamback

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

Lift of your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.**

Breaking the Bread**Giving the Bread and Cup****Communion Music***On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

Please 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.**

Prayer after Communion

God of compassion,

through your Son Jesus Christ

you reconciled your people to yourself.

Following his example of prayer and fasting,

may we obey you with willing hearts

and serve one another in holy love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

* Hymn No. 534

Be Still, My Soul

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* Benediction

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

* Congregational Response

**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.**

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

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**.*

Lenten Prayer

During the Lenten season, you are invited to spend time in prayer at the sanctuary altar or the Prayer Chapel at the conclusion of the worship service.

Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Sam Lamback

Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

Lenten Treble Choir (children and youth)

Camilla Packroff, Soprano

Heather Evans, Lay Reader

Doris Granum, Liturgist

Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte

Emerson Toles, Crucifer

Stebin Horne & Stewart Vernon, Candlelighters

Katherine Dent, Communion Steward

Mildred Howard & Mickey Pope, Lay Communion Servers

Julia Magda, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
J. V. "Buncie" and Mary Miller Skinner.*

Communion Notes

1. All worshipers are welcome at the Lord's Table. One need not be a member of Mulberry Street UMC.
2. Children are welcome at the Lord's Table whether or not baptized and/or confirmed. This decision is left to the parents/guardians.
3. Communion bread is gluten-free and the juice is of the unfermented grape.
4. Recipients will take the bread, dip it lightly into the communion cup and partake.
5. After receiving communion one can choose to go to the chancel area to kneel in prayer before returning to the pew via the side aisle.
6. Offering plates on the side aisles are for contributions to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund to help with homeless and emergency needs determined by the pastors.
7. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please notify an usher and the communion team will gladly come to the pew.

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 4

5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Program: Listening Post with Ann Bosarge, Coach and Facilitator
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Other opportunities

Social Principles Book Study – Sundays beginning today – Parlor – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Social Principles of the UMC are the product of more than a century of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members at General Conference. Studying the Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own approach to the topics included in the Social Principles and to deepen your discipleship. Childcare is available upon request. Books are \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up (478-745-8601).

Tuesday Disciple Group Study – Our Tuesday night Disciple Group will have a six-week study of The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton March 3 – April 7. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with brown bag supper and finish at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Sam and Gini Lamback. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. Please call Sam or Gini Lamback, (478) 719-2182.

40 Day Prayer Challenge Study - Wednesdays beginning March 11 from 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 - Wednesday evenings after Wednesday Night Supper - Beginning March 11
As members of the United Methodist Church, we are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshipping community across the globe. Together we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors. As we move forward in our strategic planning of how Mulberry will be a 21st century church in the coming year and as we prepare for how to have conversations with each other about the upcoming general conference in May of 2020, we would like to invite you to participate with us in this important study. 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. A copy of the book will be ordered for you. Cost of the book is \$16 and you can pay for the book on March 11.

Vibrant Ministry Event – On Thursday, March 12, join the Vibrant Ministry (for adults 55 and older) for dinner at Fish 'N Pig Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. If you need a ride, please let us know. R.S.V.P. by March 5 to Linda at 745-8601 or lparker@mulberrymethodist.org.

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 will be 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!

Currently we're raising funds, having already raised \$8,500. We want to raise another \$3,500. If you can help us meet this goal, designate your checks/gifts "Habitat." Bring them to worship, give on our website, or bring/mail to church address. All mission jar offerings (Wednesday nights) in Lent will be added to this offering. Building will begin this spring. Questions? Contact Jeff Cook or Lee Triesenberg, Chair of Missions Committee