

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 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.**

Song of Gathering

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Ovid Young

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Call to Worship

O God, we seek you, and our souls thirst for you.
Our flesh faints for the Lord, as in a dry and weary land.
O God, your steadfast love is better than life itself!
**Let us bless the Lord as long as we live,
lift up our hands and call on God's name.**
Come, let us worship God!
from Call to Worship

* Entrance Hymn No. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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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.

Confession (sung)

For Things that I Do Wrong, O Lord

Michael Bedford

For things that I do wrong, O Lord, for things I fail to do,
forgive me, Lord, as I forgive others; I put my trust in you.
You are with me in my times of need, you guide me through each day.
When I cannot see what's best for me, you are there to show the way.

Confession (spoken)

For all the times we fail to do what we know is right,
we are sorry, Lord.
For all the times we do what we know is wrong,
we are sorry, Lord.
For all the times we fail to love each other,
we are sorry, Lord.
For all the times we fail to love you,
we are sorry, Lord.

Response

Psalm 51

Jane Marshall

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

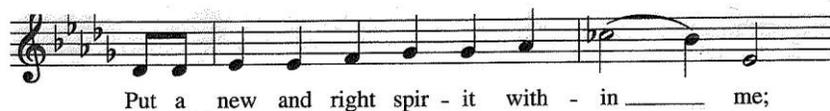
Congregation:



Cre - ate in me, O God, — a clean _ heart, a clean _ heart,

Choir: Put a new and right spirit within me;

Congregation:



Put a new and right spir - it with - in _____ me;

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

Congregation:



Cre - ate in me, O God, — a clean _ heart, a
clean _ heart, a clean _____ heart. _____

Assurance of Pardon

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

Children's Moment

Tom Granum

Children are invited to meet 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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Kelly Stone

Seek Ye the Lord

J. V. Roberts

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon him while He is near;
let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

Psalm

Psalm 63

Please sing the refrain:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.

This psalm is found on page 788 of the hymnbook.

* Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

The Journey to Wholeness

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

No. 887

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Come, Ye Disconsolate

arr. Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;

earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!

Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.

Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

* 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. 521** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SOJOURNER

The soloist will sing the first line and the congregation will join on the echo (text in parentheses) at the end of the first line.

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

[I want Jesus to walk with me.] **(walk with me)**
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

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

Closing Voluntary

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Raymond Henry

* *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*

Ainsworth Choir

Peter Schultz, Tenor

Joel Terning, Baritone

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Adele Bauman, Alto

Caleb Esmond, Piano

Kelly Stone, Reader

Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte

Alex Stone, Crucifer

Wilson Brown & Stebin Horne, Candlelighters

Melinda Powell, Children's Church Leader

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

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>.