

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 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

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.

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

Doris Granum

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

Doris Granum

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.

Prayer of Confession

Doris Granum

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Doris Granum

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

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

**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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Kelly Stone
J. V. Roberts

Seek Ye the Lord

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.

*** 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

*** 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

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

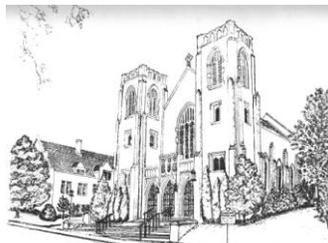
*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Senior Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Doris Granum, Liturgist
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Adele Bauman, Alto
Peter Schultz, Tenor
Joel Terning, Bass*

*We welcome two interns who assisted our music ministry, especially the Ainsworth Choir,
2015-2018: Peter Schultz and Joel Terning.*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor the great teachers of the Daughtery Class: Sam Henley, Sam and Gini Lamback,
Gail Springstead, and Clay Washburn.*



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>.

Upcoming Opportunities

John Wesley's Message for Today Study

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. – Youth Room
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 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 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.

Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

March 25-29, 2019

12:00 pm

Our congregation has co-hosted daily organ recitals with the Macon Chapter, American Guild of Organists (AGO), for the Cherry Blossom Festival since at least 1991. Come join us this week for any of five, 30-minute organ concerts at noon. The five organists this year are:

Monday, March 25

Gerald Carper, Organist, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

Tuesday, March 26

Chris Henley, Organist & Music Associate, Anniston (AL) First United Methodist Church
and graduate student at Mercer University

Wednesday, March 27

Valentina Quishan Huang, Senior, Wesleyan College, Macon

Thursday, March 28

Tom Granum, Director of Music & Organist, Mulberry Street UMC, Macon, GA

Friday, March 29

Dr. John Coble, Director of Music & Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA