

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Voluntary

Ah, Holy Jesus

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God's goodness.
Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God's calling.
Come as you are, weary and wary,
and find comfort in God's embrace.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship God with gladness.

* Entrance Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

*Please sing after the choir.***Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.****Put a new and right spirit within me.****Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart, (a clean hear.)****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**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*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.****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***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.****Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Katie Griffis

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Julia Norman and Peter Schultz

The Penitent

Beardsley Van De Water

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.****Sermon***For God and Our Children*

Rev. Julia Norman

* **Affirmation of Faith** Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

No. 887 in the hymnbook.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Our Father, We Have Wandered

English Folksong
arr. Larry Harris

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease,
stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and peace.

Text by Kevin Nichols

* 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. Julia Norman

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

* Benediction

Rev. Julia Norman

* Congregational Response

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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

Closing Voluntary

Amazing Grace

Fred Swann

* 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
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir*

*Cherub Choir, Wesley Choir, and Assistants
Katie Trotter, Cherub Choir Director
Joycelyn Jackson, Flute
Katie Griffis, Reader
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Cooper Baskette, Crucifer*

*Mary Caroline Bushway & Piper Bushway, Candlelighters
Amanda Smith, Children's Church Leader*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Hilda Harris by her daughters,
Bobbie Gore and Rita Swicegood.*



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).

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:

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 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.