

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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

Gathering Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x) . . . no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow (3x) . . . no turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus (3x) . . . no turning back, no turning back.

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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. 724**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

PROMISED LAND

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Forgive us when we ignore your presence: when we place our trust in things that fade away. By your grace, move us to be more faithful disciples. By your forgiveness, empower us to share forgiveness with others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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.

Proclamation and Response

Hymn No. 472

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEE

Please remain seated to sing this hymn.

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

Mary Carson

Gospel Reading

The Penitent

Rev. Julia Norman and Peter Schultz
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
No. 887 in the hymnbook.

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn No. 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

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. Julia Norman

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

* Benediction

Rev. Julia Norman

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

Mary Carson, Reader

Peter Schultz, Tenor

Fifth Sunday Ensemble:

Barbara Henley

Jerry Stinchcomb

Tim Spishock

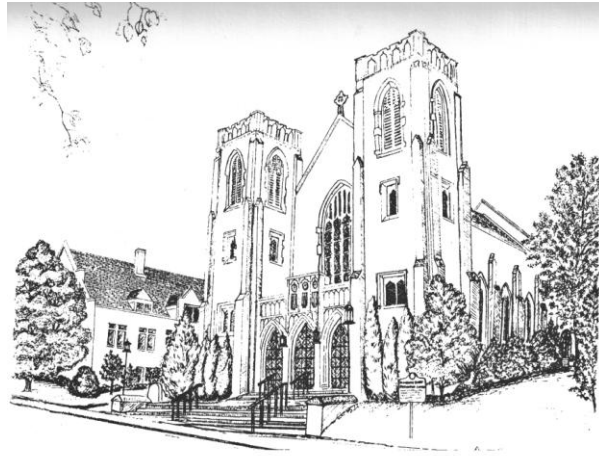
Sam Lamback

Johnny Hathcock

Lynneth Whitten

*We honor the memory of “Captain Jack” McCarty, an enthusiastic member of Fifth Sunday,
who died recently.*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Linda Parker,
Mulberry Administrative Assistant and Membership Secretary, for her dedication to the Flower Guild.*



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 Studies

Near the Cross

by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.

Wednesdays at Noon - (ending) April 24 - Conference Room

Draw the Circle: The 40- Day Prayer Challenge

by Mark Batterson

Wednesdays, 5:10-5:30 pm - (ending) April 24 -Interest Classroom (adjacent to the Parlor)

Contact: Judy Hodgens at jhodgens.int@gmail.com

Come for a time to gather and fellowship before Wednesday Night Supper.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Processional Service

April 14 – 10:45 AM

Dr. Michael Burkhardt, one of the finest organists, composers, and directors in the U.S., will be our guest musician, providing leadership for our congregational, choral, and instrumental music. The brass quintet comprises graduate students and graduates of The University of Georgia School of Music.

Holy Week Services

April 15-19 - 12 Noon (followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall)

Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Garrard, will lead us in worship each day at noon with a series entitled "Walking with Jesus on the Way."

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 - 6:30 PM

As we remember the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a reflective Maundy Thursday service, which will include the choral arrangement by Maurice Duruflé of the traditional chant, Ubi caritas, "Where charity and love are, there is God."

Good Friday Service

April 19 - 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Coleman Hill

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

April 21 - 7:00 AM - Coleman Hill

Rev. Antonie Walker, Pastor of Grace Corner UMC, Speaker

Flowering of the Easter Cross

April 21 - 10:00 AM - Mulberry Courtyard

Easter Sunday Butterfly Release

April 21 - 10:30 AM - Mulberry Courtyard

Easter Sunday Services

April 21

9:00 AM – Sanctuary

10:00 AM – NewRoom (Library Ballroom)

11:00 AM – Sanctuary

Come celebrate the risen Christ with preaching by the Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery and singing great Easter hymns of our faith with brass, organ, congregation, and choir in one of our two identical services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., with both Easter services in the sanctuary. Our resurrection service will end with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and the Widor "Toccata" for organ and brass.