

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
March 3, 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.**

Voluntary

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Katie Griffis

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

Let us worship our God with songs of thanksgiving and praise!

* Entrance Hymn (insert)

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Litany for Transfiguration

Katie Griffis

*"This has been the season of Epiphany...a time to reveal who Jesus is and week by week
we have been doing that...But have we noticed the moment of transfiguration along the way...?
This contemporary reading takes us back over the season and reminds us of those places
we have met and learned something...been signposted to who Jesus is...When we realize
what has been happening...perhaps we see it not a revelation, but revolution...this way God
reveals the love offered for us all..."*

- Adapted and expanded by Michael Burkhardt from "Common Epiphanies" by Roddy Hamilton

Not on a mountain-top but at the Jordan we see the glory of God.

(A bowl of water is brought forward.)

For showing yourself not as being set apart from all of us but as one of us:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.

Not on a mountain-top but at a wedding we see the gracious presence of God.

(A goblet is brought forward.)

For your gracious presence in both the special and the ordinary:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.

Not on a mountain-top but at a seashore we see the wonder of God.

(A net is brought forward.)

For finding us fisher-folk and calling us to catch the world and bring it into the kingdom:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.

Not on a mountain-top but at the sides of the wounded and sick we see the compassion of God.
(*Bandages are brought forward.*)

For healing born in grace rather than power:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.

Not on a mountain-top but on the roadways of the world glory is found.

(*Shoes are brought forward.*)

For revealing yourself on the roadways of life amid all who leave footprints in the dust:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.

Proclamation and Response

Children exit for Children's Church during the Congregational Prayer for Illumination and can meet Rev. Norman at the side exit to the Sanctuary. K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room. They will be escorted back to the sanctuary to receive communion and return to their families.

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Mickey Pope

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Mickey Pope

*** Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:28-43a

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Homily

Not on a Mountaintop

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*** Hymn No. 258**

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Confession and Pardon

Isaiah 40:27-28, 31

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Your reign is marked by justice and peace;
you are on the side of those who are oppressed.

**Our lives are marked by comfort and avoidance;
we choose what is fair instead of what is just.**

You seek transformation and compassion in this world,
yet we are content to wait for the promise of heaven.

Forgive our failings, Lord, and convict us by your spirit.

Move us beyond our shallow faith to know the depth of your life among us.

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary,
they will walk and not grow faint.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

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

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him: Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;
first and last and only One, let creation now adore him: Alleluia!

Text by Brian Wren

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up 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 is 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

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. **Amen.**

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 189** (Stanzas 1-3) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

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

Closing Voluntary

Fairest Lord Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

* *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. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Katie Griffis, Liturgist
Mickey Pope, Lay Reader
Austin Carter, Johnny Hathcock, Jeff Spencer & Spencer Smith, Gospel Reading
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Austin Carter, Crucifer
Jack Carter & Katherine Dent, Candlelighters
Emerson Toles, Communion Steward
Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Communion Servers
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker
Rev. Julia Norman, Children's Church

Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Yates, Sr. and Mary Jean Yates
by Charles H. Yates, Jr.*

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>.

Transfiguration

The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally designated for celebrating the transfiguration of Jesus. At the transfiguration the great glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ was made clear to Peter, James, and John (Mark 9:2-12). In this glory we see a fuller representation of Jesus' identity, and we glimpse the glory he would receive at the completion of his redemptive work. Transfiguration is the fourth celebration (after Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of our Lord) that affirms the identity of Jesus as not only fully human but also fully divine. Together these celebrations prepare us for the journey toward the cross and empty tomb.

The timing of this observance is important. Just as the transfiguration prepared Jesus for his passion and death, so our observance of his transfiguration prepares us for our Lenten journey in which we concentrate on his sufferings. The spirit and the colors of worship space at this time should aim to reflect Christ's glory, so the suggested color for celebrating Transfiguration is white.

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

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 March 6 and April 17).

March 6

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon (Led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery)

March 13

Prayer and Service (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

March 20

Prayer and Formation (Led by Rev. Jeff Cook)

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)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Services

March 6

12:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

John Wesley's Message for Today Study

Begins March 10

10:00 a.m.

Becomers Class

Led by Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

All are welcome!