

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
March 3, 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

Voluntary

Fairest Lord Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

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

Marilyn Armstrong

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!

* Hymn No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer

Marilyn Armstrong

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing,

yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.

Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,

who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection –

the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Please remain seated to sing.

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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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Marilyn Armstrong

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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* 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

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Julia Norman

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal, page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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 and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 189**

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

* **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
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Marilyn Armstrong, Liturgist
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker*

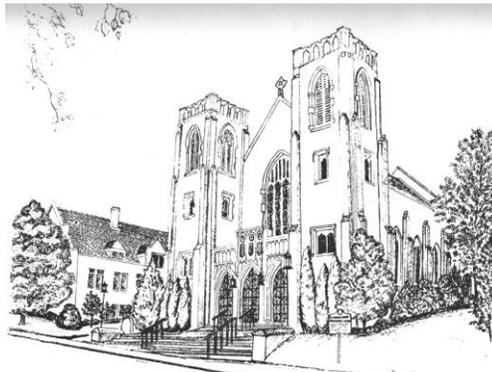
Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

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



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

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

Sundays Beginning March 10
10:00 a.m. - Becomers Class
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 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)

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 6

Ash Wednesday Service

March 13

Conversation and Prayer following Special Called General Conference

March 20

Birmingham-Southern College Concert Choir in the Sanctuary

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.