

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# The Church at Worship

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2020  
Eleven O'clock



## Entrance and Praise

### Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

### Choral Introit

*All Are Welcome*

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end division: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome in this place.

### Call to Worship

Jack Carter & Johnny Hathcock

All are welcome here –

**The young and old, those who have visions and those who dream dreams.**

All are welcome here –

**The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.**

All are welcome here –

**The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.**

All are welcome here;

**for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.**

Let us worship God. **Amen.**

### \* Entrance Hymn No. 116

*The God of Abraham Praise*

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### Call to Confession

Romans 4:4-5

Johnny Hathcock

We cannot earn God's grace or favor.

It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.

Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

### Prayer of Confession

**God, we give you our hearts.**

**They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth.**

**God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear.**

**You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo.**

**And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand.**

**Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you. Lift our eyes to the hills.**

**Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

**Response** *Psalm 51* Jane Marshall  
Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.  
**Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.**  
Put a new and right spirit within me.  
**Put a new and right spirit within me.**  
Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.  
**Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart, a clean heart.**

**Assurance of Pardon** John 3:16-17 Jack Carter  
Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**The Peace** Jack Carter  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**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*

**Children's Moment** Rev. Trevor Ward  
*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.*

**Prayer for Illumination** John 3:1-15 Beautiful Sheriff  
God of signs and wonders,  
we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers.  
**By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds  
so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.**  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

**Old Testament** Genesis 12:1-4 Beautiful Sheriff  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 121 Beautiful Sheriff  
*Psalm 121 is found on page 844 of the hymnbook. Please read responsively.*  
**Response 2: In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

\* **Gospel** John 3:1-8 Rev. Creede Hinshaw  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Journeying by Stages* Rev. Creede Hinshaw

## *Response*

\* **Hymn No. 605** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Rev. Trevor Ward  
**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.**

## Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

### Offertory

*Lift Thine Eyes and He, Watching Over Israel*  
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, Thy foot shall not be moved: Thy keeper will never slumber.  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee. Psalm 121:1, 3-4

### \* 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. Creede Hinshaw

### \* Hymn No. 159

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

### \* Benediction

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

### \* Congregational Response

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

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

### Closing Voluntary

*Lift High the Cross*

Charles Callahan

\* 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**.*

## Lenten Prayer

During the Lenten season, you are invited to spend time in prayer in the Mulberry Prayer Room at the conclusion of the chapel service. The Prayer Room is located across from the Parlor on the main floor.

*Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Interim Senior Pastor  
Rev. Trevor Ward, Minister to Families & Youth  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Sam McDaniel, Organ  
Lenten Treble Choir (children and youth)  
Jack Carter & Johnny Hathcock, Liturgists  
Beautiful Sheriff, Lay Reader  
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte  
Wilson Brown, Crucifer  
Alice Rauls & Laura Wilson, Candlelighters  
Amanda Smith, Children's Church*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mildred and E.L. Brooking by Jean and Jimmy Weatherford.*

# *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshipping 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. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our nursery.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://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 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and [iheartradio.com](http://iheartradio.com). You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

## **Midweek at Mulberry: March 11**

5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Program: Anatomy of Peace Study/Daughtery Class  
6:15 p.m. 40 Day Prayer Challenge Study/Conference Room  
6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir  
6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

## **Other opportunities**

**Social Principles Book Study** – Sundays – Parlor – 5:00–7:00 p.m.

The Social Principles of the UMC are the product of more than a century of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members at General Conference. Studying the Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own approach to the topics included in the Social Principles and to deepen your discipleship. Childcare is available upon request. Books are \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up (478-745-8601).

**Tuesday Disciple Group Study** – Our Tuesday night Disciple Group will have a six-week study of The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton through April 7. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with brown bag supper and finish at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Sam and Gini Lamback. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. Please call Sam or Gini Lamback, (478) 719-2182.

**40 Day Prayer Challenge Study** - Beginning March 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room (first floor). Come be surprised with a refreshing experience of God's presence like never before! You will look back on these 40 days as the best 40 days of your life. Video and table discussion.

**The Anatomy of Peace Study** – Wednesday evenings after Wednesday Night Supper - Beginning March 11 - As members of the United Methodist Church, we are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshipping community across the globe. Together we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors. As we move forward in our strategic planning of how Mulberry will be a 21<sup>st</sup> century church in the coming year and as we prepare for how to have conversations with each other about the upcoming general conference in May of 2020, we would like to invite you to participate with us in this important study. Everyone is encouraged to join us in the study of "The Anatomy of Peace" Call the church office, 745-8601 or email Linda Parker at [lparker@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:lparker@mulberrymethodist.org) to sign up. A copy of the book will be ordered for you. Cost of the book is \$16 and you can pay for the book on March 11.

**Mulberry's Kairos Prison Ministry** – Jesus said, "I was in prison and you came to me..." Mulberry will serve the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend, April 16-19, at Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, Ga. A table will be set up in the Atrium with information about ways to serve this ministry to inmates. We welcome prayer commitments, home-baked cookies, notes/art work by children and adults, and financial contributions (checks to KPMI, Kairos Prison Ministries International). Contact Sam Lamback, [lambacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net) (478)550-3067.

## **We're Building a Habitat for Humanity Home This Spring!**

Currently we're raising funds, having already raised \$8,500. We want to raise another \$3,500. If you can help us meet this goal, designate your checks/gifts "Habitat." Bring them to worship, give on our website, or bring/mail to church address. All mission jar offerings (Wednesday nights) in Lent will be added to this offering. Building will begin this spring. Questions? Contact Jeff Cook or Lee Triesenberg, Chair of Missions Committee