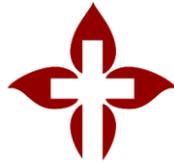


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 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

Reflection: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Rev. Julia Norman

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens!

Men, women, all people alike,

old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name is exalted above heaven and earth!

* **Entrance Hymn No. 62** (Stanzas 1-3, 7) *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Julia Norman

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words. *Romans 8:26*
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy God, your love knows no bounds.

Forgive us when we try to confine it.

Your grace is for all people.

Forgive us when we try to restrain it.

Your Spirit beckons us to follow.

Forgive us when we choose not to listen.

Forgive us, God, of the ways we fall short.

Set us free from our bondage, to love and serve you.

Hear the good news of God's promise:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. *Acts 2:17, 21*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

With Songs of Rejoicing

J. S. Bach
arr. Hal Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord, for he has done marvelous things!
Break forth into joy!
His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ. The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak to his name. Sing Alleluia!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Daren "Ren" Lance Montford, Jr.
Son of Daren and Lana Montford

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and include Ren now before you in your care?
We will.

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Ren with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others.
We will pray for him that he may be a true
disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

* **Hymn of Baptism No. 611** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* STUTTGART
**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

*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.**

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Katie Griffis

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Katie Griffis

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

Name Brand

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

- * **Hymn No. 548** *In Christ There Is No East or West* McKEE
- * **Affirmation No. 883** *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada* Rev. Jeff Cook
This affirmation is No. 883 in the hymnal.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

- * **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

Welcome of New Members Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

- * **Hymn No. 547** *O Church of God, United* ELLACOMBE

- * **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Rick Lanford

- * **Congregational Response**
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

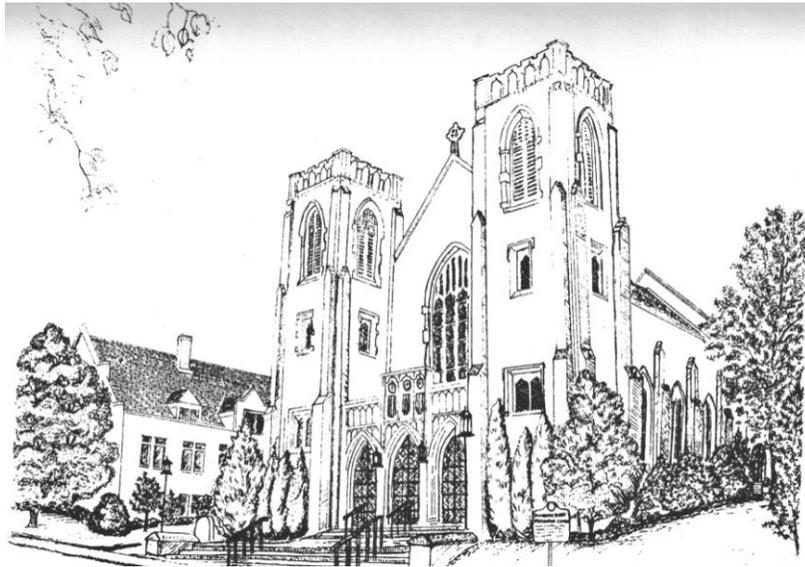
*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*


Rev. Dr. Rick Lanford, District Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister to Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Caleb Esmond, Organ
Ainsworth Choir
Katie Griffis, Lay Reader
Reilly Brown, Lead Acolyte
Davis Uren, Crucifer
Wilson Brown & Graham Hefner, Candlelighters
Ella Magda, Baptism Aquifer

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our teachers:
Sam Henley, Clay Washburn, Gail Springstead, and Gini & Sam Lamback
by the Daughtery Class.*

Celebrate the Day of Pentecost (June 9)!

Please plan to wear red on June 9, the Day of Pentecost. We'll celebrate the Holy Spirit's descending on the disciples 10 days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection. The color red reminds us, "They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them" (Acts 2:3). Please plan to worship at Mulberry Street UMC (or another church if you're traveling) on June 9.



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.

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>.