

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Voluntary

An Easter Prelude

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 30

Gail Springstead

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.

from The Worship Sourcebook

* Entrance Hymn No. 90

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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Opening Prayer

adapted from Psalm 30

Gail Springstead

O God, our healer and our help, we will never face a challenge or a need that surpasses your provision and your love. Fill our hearts with thankful praise, and use us to draw others close to you, so that after the night of sorrow they too may rejoice in the Dayspring from on high, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

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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First Reading

Acts 9:1-6

Gail Springstead

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Gail Springstead

* Gospel Reading

John 21:1-22

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Homily

"What's It to You?"

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Confession and Pardon

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.

**Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger,
the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.**

**Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories
that we forget the truth of the Easter story.**

**Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act,
quick to speak and slow to listen,**

quick to fear and slow to care.

**Break into our lives, God of surprises,
and grant us the faith to recognize 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!

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Thanks be to God.

The Peace

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

Offering of Our Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The liturgy is found on page 13 of the hymnal. Communion responses are spoken.

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 thanks and praise.**

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

Communion Music

Draw Me Nearer

William Doane
arr. Ovid Young

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Prayer after Communion based on Luke 2:29-32

**Now, Master, you are letting your servant go in peace as you promised;
for our eyes have seen the salvation that you have made ready in the sight of the
nations; a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 307**

Christ Is Risen

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* **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, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Adele Bauman and Krysta Therieau, Soloists
Joycelyn Jackson, Flute
Gail Springstead, Lay Reader
Martha Linkous, Communion Bread Baker*

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

Congratulations to Our High School Seniors

Reilly Brown
Josie Coleman
Maimee Henderson
John Morgan Manley
Maddie McClure
Davis Uren



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>.