

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Commitment Sunday
November 10, 2019
Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Mulberry Moment

Being Followers of Jesus

Rett Walker

Choral Response

I'm Just a Child

Terry Kirkland

I'm just a child and I haven't got much, but whatever I have I give it to you, Lord.
I'm just a child and I haven't got much, but whatever I am I give it to you, Lord.

Congregational Response

Come One, Come All, Come Follow

Philip Dieterich

Come one, come all, come follow the call of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.

He'll teach you to walk, he'll teach you to talk, to share in his love every day.

He'll teach you to work, he'll teach you to play, to share in his love every day.

Following the response, children will go sit with their parents.

Voluntary

Intrada from Suite for Organ

Joel Martinson

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Sam McDaniel

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Come, let us worship God –

singing our great Redeemer's praise!

* **Entrance Hymn No. 57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Please remain standing following the hymn for the Opening Prayer and response.

* **Opening Prayer**

Sam McDaniel

Eternal God, righteous Judge,

rule this world with truth and grace.

Inspire your people to such joyful praise

that every nation will proclaim your glory

and every knee will bow before your son,

who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

from Psalms for All Seasons (Psalm 9)

* **Congregational Response**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Robert McCormick

*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 Call to Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Julia Norman

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Katie Griffis

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we will hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Katie Griffis

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Sermon

*BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
10. Followers' Faith Is Lived*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Commitment of Our Pledges to Serve God

Presentation of Pledges

*While we sing the following hymns found on the insert, you may bring forward your pledge to
serve God in 2020. You may take time for prayer at the altar. You may remain seated to sing.*

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELINVGROVE

Soloists will sing Stanzas 1-4, understood to be the voice of Christ.

The congregation will sing Stanza 5, reflecting our individual responses.

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Bought

FOREST GREEN

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! so knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 577** (Stanzas 1-3) *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

* **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

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

Closing Voluntary Fugue on *UNION SEMINARY* Gerre Hancock

* *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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Cherub Choir, Wesley Choir, and Assistants
Sam McDaniel, Liturgist
Katie Griffis, Reader
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte
Emerson Toles, Crucifer
Graham Hefner & Alice Rauls, Candlelighters
Amanda Smith, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Carolyn Kennedy Dominy and Mary Leonard Hurt, with deepest gratitude,
for their many years of selfless service
to Mulberry's Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Worship Guild.*

Robert McCormick

Robert McCormick, a Macon native, was first formed as a Christian and church musician at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, initially studying piano and organ with Cam Bishop, and later piano with Marian Gordon and organ with Gerald Carper. His first church position was at Doles United Methodist Church, and later in high school was Organist of Tattnell Square Baptist Church. His father, Bob McCormick, remains an active member of Mulberry Street UMC, and his mother, Avan Moore, was until she moved away from Macon. His grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Yates, Jr. were members for most of their lives.

Being Followers of Jesus

Worship/Sermon Series:

November 10: ***Followers' Faith Is Lived*** – Job 19:23-27a

November 17: ***Followers' Faith Is Known by All*** – Isaiah 65:17-25

November 24: ***Followers Follow Christ Jesus*** – Colossians 1:11-20

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 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. If you would like to join with a group, our next joining Sunday is next Sunday, November 17.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

Up and Coming at Mulberry Street UMC

Evensong

Sunday, November 10

4:00 p.m.

Three choirs combined under the direction of Robert McCormick.

Mr. McCormick will play a 30-minute organ recital following Evensong.

Mass choir comprises choirs from Christ Episcopal Church (Jonathan Alan Poe, organist/director),

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Nadine Cheek, organist/director),

and Mulberry Street United Methodist Church (Tom Granum, organist/director).

Wednesday, November 13

Midweek at Mulberry

Program: Veterans Day – Rev. Sam Lamback

5:30 p.m. Serving line begins

6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs (grades K4 – 5)

Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

Family Connection Group

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Sunday, November 17

Being Followers of Jesus:

November 17: ***Followers' Faith Is Known by All*** – Isaiah 65:17-25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel