



Act of Praise

“Crown Him King of Kings”

J. S. Bach  
arr. Hal Hopson

*Crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords,  
Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord.  
O sing His praises.  
All ye heavens, all the earth, shout and sing to God,  
the mighty Lord.  
Truth unchanging is His law; in His justice we rejoice.  
Praise His name in joyful voice.  
Sing to God, the mighty Lord.  
Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord  
with joyful heart and voice.  
In humility we bow in thanks for all His tender love.*

### *Proclamation and Response*

Children’s Moment

Rev. Jeff Cook

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.  
K-4 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade children will leave for  
Children’s Church after Children’s Moment.*

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn No. 598 (Stanza 1)

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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**O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.**

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.**

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Kelly Stone

Psalm

Psalm 93: "Lord, You Reign in Glory"

David Haas

*Please sing when indicated.*

Lord, you reign in glo - ry, clothed in splen - dor:  
glo - ry, pow - er. Lord, you reign in glo - ry,  
clothed in splen-dor: glo - ry and pow-er are yours.

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The Lord reigns, clothed in glory;  
drape yourself, O God in power! *Refrain*  
You have made the world firm, never weakened;  
your rule is from of old, since time began. *Refrain*  
God, the rivers call out with their voices,  
the waters have sung with thunder in the deep. *Refrain*  
You, God are stronger than the waves,  
you are higher, higher than us all. *Refrain*  
Truly your promise is greater than I imagined.  
Holy is your house, until the end of time. *Refrain*

\* Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

John 18:33-40

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

"Christ the King"

Hymn No. 184

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Please remain seated and then stand for Stanza 3.*

Stanza 1 – choir

Stanza 2 – choir

*Please stand.*

Stanza 3 – all

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri No. 71

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.*

*Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.*

*Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.*

*Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, has redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.*

*Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.*

*Though the clouds from sight received Him*

*when the forty days were o'er,*

*Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?*

*Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food and stay!*

*Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.*

*Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,*

*Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 157

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Congregational Response

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.**

**Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing**

**of him who died for thee,**

**and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

*This response is Hymn 327.*

*Please feel free to remain seated for the closing voluntary.*

*If departing, please be sensitive to those remaining  
for the concluding music.*

Closing Voluntary  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

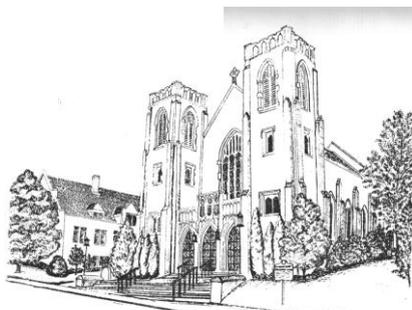
Charles Callahan

\* *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**.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader  
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte  
Akins Manley, Crucifer  
Evan Bogle & Stebin Horne, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Iris S. Jones and in memory of  
Joseph H. Jones and Joseph T. Jones  
by Chuck & Katherine Haskins.*



## *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 provided for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the 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 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.

## Today's Scripture

John 18:33-40

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters<sup>[a]</sup> again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

### *Celebrating Advent and Christmas at Mulberry*

#### Advent Study

#### ***A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art***

**Sundays – November 25 and December 2, 9, 16 & 23**

10:00 a.m. – Becomers Class (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Led by Rev. Creede Hinshaw

**Wednesdays – November 28 and December 5, 12 & 19**

12:00 Noon – Parlor

Led by Rev. Jeff Cook

#### Wednesday, November 28

#### **Hanging of the Greens**

5:30 p.m. Dinner – Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Service – Sanctuary

Light refreshments follow in Parlor

#### Sunday, December 9

**Antonio Vivaldi: *Gloria*** (choir, orchestra & soloists)

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

#### Sunday, December 23

#### **Children's Nativity**

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

#### Sunday, December 23

***A Carol Festival: "The Dawn of Redeeming Grace"***

*Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Silent Night"*

3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Tom Granum, organ

#### Monday, December 24

**Christmas Eve Services** – Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service  
*especially mindful of children*

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Prelude

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

#### Sunday, December 30

**Combined Worship Service**

11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

*This will be the only worship service.*