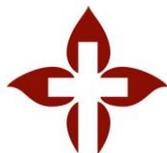


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Christ the King
November 25, 2018
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.*

Voluntary

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Charles Callahan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Please sign the Attendance Pad as it is passed, and then return it to the center aisle,
noting the names of those who are seated on your pew.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Gail Springstead

Psalm 24:7, 9, 10

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord Almighty –

he is the King of glory.

Come, let us worship the King!

* Hymn No. 715

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL'S 148TH

* Opening Prayer

Gail Springstead

Lord Jesus, the words “Jesus is King”

come easily to our lips,

yet we often fail to grasp the significance

of what they mean for us.

In this service, help us worship you

in spirit and truth,

and give us a vision for how we may live

in homage to you,

everyday of our lives,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn No. 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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

* 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.**

Epistle Reading

Gail Springstead

Revelation 1:4b-8

* 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”

Solo

“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.*

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 157
"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

* 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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Gail Springstead, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lucy Chapman Anderson
by Tim & Melissa Anderson.*

Today's Scripture

John 18:33-40

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 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?" 36 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." 37 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." 38 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. 39 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?" 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.



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 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>.

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 (3rd 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 200th 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.