

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 14, 2018  
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.**  
Let us worship God.

Voluntary  
“Aria”

Andrew Carter

Introit

“Psalm 98” Jane Marshall  
*Please echo the ensemble repeating what they sing:*

**O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
Sing praises to the Lord, to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

**With trumpets, with trumpets,  
and the sound of the horn...**

**O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
Sing praises to the Lord, to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

**Make a joyful noise, a joyful noise...**

**Make a joyful noise before the Lord, before the King!**

Call to Worship  
Psalm 98 (selected verses)

Zoe McAfee  
Alice Rauls

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Break forth into joyous song and sing praise.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Let the hills sing together for joy.  
**O sing to the Lord a new song!**  
Come, let us worship and glorify God!

- \* Entrance Hymn No. 68  
“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ENGELBERG
- \* Opening Prayer Jack Carter

**Great and wondrous God,  
your love and your mercy  
are new every morning.  
Do not let your people be content  
with the repetition of threadbare praise.  
Inspire us to join with all of your creation  
in fresh songs of hope and blessing  
offered to you each new day,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- \* Congregational Response

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always  
Alleluia! Amen.**

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Act of Praise  
“Cantate Domino”

Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
*Sing to the Lord a new song.*  
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
*his praise in the assembly of the saints.*  
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,  
*Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,*  
et filii Sion exultant in rege suo.  
*and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.*  
Psalm 149:1-2

## *Proclamation and Response*

### Children's Moment

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children's Church after Children's Moment.*

### Congregational Prayer for Illumination

*Please remain seated to sing.*

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. 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.**

Epistle Lesson  
Hebrews 4:12-16

Katie Griffis

\* Gospel Lesson  
Mark 10:17-31

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon  
"Mission Oriented"

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Hymn No. 463  
"Lord, Speak to Me"

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Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

*Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

*Text by Frances Havergal (1836-1879)*

\* 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. 547

“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Congregational Response

**May thy great prayer be answered  
that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united  
in thee, God’s blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness,  
to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.**

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

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

Closing Voluntary

“O Church of God, United”

Michael Burkhardt

\* *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 Memorial Choir  
Wesley Choir & Youth Assistants  
Katie Trotter, Soloist  
Jack Carter, Zoe McAfee & Alice Rauls, Liturgists  
Katie Griffis, Lay Reader  
Reilly Brown, Lead Acolyte  
Akins Manley, Crucifer  
Wilson Brown & Katherine Dent, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Charlie and Linda Cloaninger,  
who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
on October 12<sup>th</sup>, by Edward, Deb, Joe,  
Elizabeth and their grandchildren.*



## *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.

**New members will be received on October 21.** If you or someone you know is considering church membership, this will be a great time to join Mulberry. Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership.

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.

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

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money<sup>[a]</sup> to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is<sup>[b]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another,<sup>[c]</sup> “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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Someone complained that John Wesley was getting rich by preaching all across England. He replied, “For what price would **you** preach with all your might, not in an easy manner, 18 or 19 times every week, and this throughout the year? What shall I give you to travel seven or eight hundred miles, in all weather, every two or three months? For what salary will you abstain from all other diversions than doing good and praising God? I am mistaken if you would not prefer strangling to such a life, even with thousands of gold and silver.”

Wesley went on to ask the question, “To whom am I to leave all this imagined wealth? ... If I leave behind me 10 pounds (above my debts and my books), you and all mankind bear witness against me, that I lived and died a thief and a robber.”