

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 14, 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  
“Aria”

Andrew Carter

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Call to Worship  
Psalm 95:1-2

Rush Peace

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**  
Come, let us worship God!

\* Hymn No. 77  
“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

\* Opening Prayer

Rush Peace

God of glory, Lord of love,  
we thank you that you have called us  
to celebrate your creation.  
**Give us reverence for life in your world.**  
We thank you for your redeeming love;  
**may your Word strengthen us  
to love as you love us.**  
**God, our Creator, bring us new life.**  
**Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**  
**Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us. Amen.**  
*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

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

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.**

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

Rush Peace

\* 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

\* 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. 547  
“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

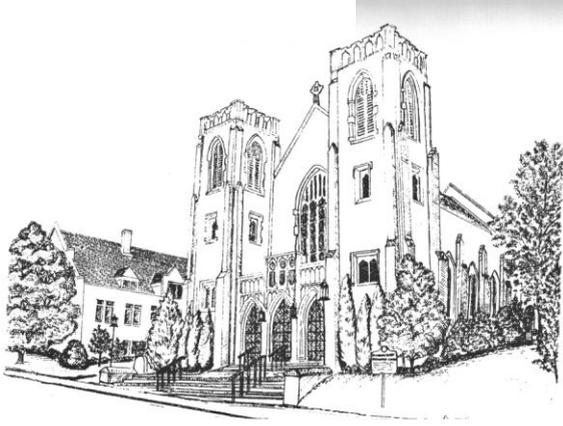
\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*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  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Rush Peace, Lay Reader  
Katie Trotter, Soloist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Eunice and Charles Brown  
and Dr. L. E. Brown by Charlene Brown Cotton.*



## *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

(Reprinted from the South Georgia Advocate,  
<https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate.>)

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.”

## *Bible Study Options*

### **Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study**

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)

All women are welcome.

Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or [mollywalker@cox.net](mailto:mollywalker@cox.net).

### **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road

Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813)

or [clarerauls@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarerauls@bellsouth.net).

## *Small Groups*

### **Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group**

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

### **Monday Evening Small Group**

5:30-7:00 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)

Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

### **Tuesday Evening Small Group**

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback

(821 Wesleyan Drive)

Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or

[lambacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net).

## *United Methodist Women's Circles*

### **Esther Circle**

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

at Noon in the Church Parlor

Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or [magaudry@cox.net](mailto:magaudry@cox.net).

### **Grace Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.

Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or [marilynarm@cox.net](mailto:marilynarm@cox.net).

### **Paula Motes Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact: Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or [dkgo221@cs.com](mailto:dkgo221@cs.com).