

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 28, 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Eugénie Rocherolle

Introits

“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)

Chace Crowell

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. 152

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

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Confession and Pardon  
based on Micah 6:1-8  
*Please be seated for this Prayer of Confession.*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The prophet Micah asks on our behalf:  
“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?”  
**What can we possibly give to God  
to make ourselves acceptable?  
We have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.**

*Silent Confession*

Micah affirms: “What does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?”  
**May we offer to God our lives, our total selves,  
our commitment to do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with our God.**

*Silent acceptance of God’s grace and forgiveness*

As forgiven people being transformed  
into the very image of Christ,  
we thank God for this congregation  
in and through which we may serve.  
**May God bless Mulberry Street  
United Methodist Church,  
its buildings, its people and its ministries,  
service, and witness. Amen.**  
*from A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Resource, the Rev. Steven F. Plymale*

Act of Praise

“Walk Humbly with Your God” Anna Laura Page  
*Commissioned for the Inauguration of Vivia Lawton Fowler  
as the 25<sup>th</sup> President of Wesleyan College*

Father, we give You thanks for Your creation.  
Father, we praise You for Your mighty power.  
Father, we pray for peace and understanding  
among all the earth.

God has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you, [but] to act justly,  
to love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?

Father, give us strength for each new dawning.

Father, guide each step along the way.

based on Micah 6:8

## *Proclamation and Response*

Children’s Moment

Rev. Jeff Cook

*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

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

Hebrews 7:23-28

Chace Crowell

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

**Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.**

\* Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
Mark 10:46-52

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
“Faith at the Gate”

\* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
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 GREATOREX

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

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts Turlough O’Carolan  
“Irish Air”

\* 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. 378 AMAZING GRACE  
“Amazing Grace”

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Congregational Response

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.**

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

Closing Voluntary  
"Trumpet Tune"

David Johnson

\* *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**.*

Joining other church choirs in middle Georgia who presented it last Sunday or are presenting it today, the Ainsworth Choir is singing the anthem *Walk Humbly with Your God*, which was commissioned for the Inauguration of Vivia Lawton Fowler as the 25<sup>th</sup> President of Wesleyan College. As the Ainsworth Choir is named for a former Wesleyan College president, Bishop William Newman Ainsworth (1872-1942), who was also a pastor here at Mulberry, it's especially appropriate we use this anthem in worship today.



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor*

*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*

*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*

*Ainsworth Memorial Choir*

*Wesley Choir (Grades 2-5) and Choir Assistants*

*Barbara Altman, Cello*

*Caleb Esmond, Piano*

*Katie Trotter, Soloist*

*Chace Crowell, Lay Reader*

*Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte*

*Davis Uren, Crucifer*

*Mary Carolyne Bushway & Piper Bushway, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Herman and Dot Martin by the family.*

## Today's Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher,<sup>[a]</sup> let me see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



## *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.

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>.