

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# The Church at Worship

World Communion Sunday  
October 6, 2019  
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

\* **Song of Welcome** *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN  
*Please rise in body or spirit to sing.*  
**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**  
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**Greeting in the Name of Christ** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Mulberry Moment** *Being Followers of Jesus* Kelly Stone

**Gathering Music** *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!* Camerom Song  
**Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)**  
**Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)**

**Call to Worship** Ella Magda  
Praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
**Let us join our hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**  
The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!  
**Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

\* **Entrance Hymn No. 139** (Stanzas 1, 2, 5)  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

\* **Opening Prayer** Ella Magda  
**God of life, thank you for calling us to belong to something  
so much bigger than ourselves.  
Thank you for your church in all times and places.  
We pray that all who come to worship today may sense  
that the gospel of Christ is so much bigger than this congregation.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* **Congregational Response**  
**Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)**  
**Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)**

*Children exit for Children's Church during the Congregational Prayer for Illumination  
and can meet Julia Magda at the side exit to the Sanctuary. K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church  
in the prayer room. They will be escorted back to the sanctuary to receive communion and return to their families.*

## *Proclamation and Response*

### **Congregational Prayer for Illumination**

*Holy, Holy, Holy – Santo, Santo, Santo*

Argentine Folk Song

*The choirs will sing once in English.*

*Please join them singing two more times in English and then two times in Spanish.*

**Holy, holy, holy.**

**My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you:**

**You are holy, Lord!** (*congregation sings twice*)

**Santo, Santo, Santo.**

**¡Mi corazón te adora!**

**Mi corazón te sabe decir**

**¡Santo eres Señor!** (*congregation sings twice*)

### \* **Gospel**

Luke 16:19-31

Kelly Stone

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

### **Epistle**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

### **Homily**

*BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS*  
*5. Followers Practice Generosity*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

## *Thanksgiving and Communion*

### \* **Hymn No. 432**

*Jesu, Jesu*

CHEREPONI

### **Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Julia Norman

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### **Confession and Pardon**

Across the barriers that divide race from race:

**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide Christians:

**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

**reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

**Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears  
that deny and betray our prayers.**

**Enable us to see the causes of strife,  
remove from us all sense of superiority.**

**Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

*Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. Mark Burrows

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

*Yesu kwetu ni Rafiki  
What a friend we have in Jesus.  
Maombi asikia.  
Take it in prayer.*

## \* The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Breaking the Bread

### Giving the Bread and Cup Communion Music

*Come, Let Us Eat*

A VA DE

*Please echo the soloist.  
This song is Hymn No. 625*

*Come to the Table*

Barbara Hamm

*The soloist will sing the first line. Please join in singing.*

Soloist: Come to the table of . . .

**All: Come to the table of . . .  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of . . .**

*You Are Holy, You Are Whole*

Per Harling

## Prayer after Communion

**God, who nourishes us for the journey, it is strengthening to know that  
as we have gathered at your table today, your people throughout the world  
are offering praise and thanksgiving as bread and wine are shared.  
May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship,  
bind us together into one worldwide community. Amen.**

# Sending Forth

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 548** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

\* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* **Congregational Response**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.  
Lift high the cross. . . .**

*This response is Hymn No. 159*

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

## Closing Voluntary

*Lift High the Cross*

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**.*

Parts of today's liturgy are taken from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Wesley Choir  
Caleb Esmond, Piano  
Moretti Percussion Trio (Steve, Rocco, and Matteo Moretti), Percussion  
Chuck Huber, Bass  
Katie Trotter, Violin  
Madeleine Londa, Soprano  
Ella Magda, Reader  
Kelly Stone, Liturgist  
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker  
Yancey & Whitney Mooney, Lay Communion Servers  
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte  
Austin Carter, Crucifer  
Jack Carter & Katherine Dent, Candlelighters  
Henry McClure, Communion Steward  
Julia Magda, Children's Church*

*Gluten-free communion: Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.*

*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God by the Flower Guild.*

## **Being Followers of Jesus**

Worship/Sermon Series:

October 13: **Followers Make the Best of Bad Situations** – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
October 20: **Followers "Get in It" with God** – Genesis 32:22-31  
October 27: **Followers Don't Judge** – Luke 18:9-14  
November 3: **Followers Celebrate Our Resurrection Hope!** – Ephesians 1:11-23  
November 10: **Followers' Faith Is Lived** – Job 19:23-27a  
November 17: **Followers' Faith Is Known by All** – Isaiah 65:17-25  
November 24: **Followers Follow Christ Jesus** – Colossians 1:11-20

## *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.

The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our 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 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

## *Up and Coming at Mulberry Street UMC*

### **Wednesday, October 9**

#### ***Midweek at Mulberry***

Program: Vashti Center – Amanda Messer

5:30 p.m. Serving line begins

6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs (grades K4 – 5)

Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

Family Connection Group

6:40 p.m. Study: *Making Sense of the Bible*

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

### **Sunday, October 13**

#### ***Being Followers of Jesus***

#### ***Followers Make the Best of Bad Situations***

– Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

### **Fall Festival**

#### **Sunday, October 27**

4:00-6:00 p.m.

We'll have trunk or treat from 4-5 p.m., games, hayrides, inflatables and other fun stuff for the whole family! Wear your costumes and invite a neighbor or friend to join you!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Julia Norman at 745-8601 or

[jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org).