

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

World Communion Sunday  
October 6, 2019  
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.*



### *Entrance and Praise*

**Voluntary** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Charles Callahan

**Greeting in the Name of Christ** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

**Call to Worship** Doris Granum

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!**

\* **Hymn No. 139** (Stanzas 1, 2, 5)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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**Opening Prayer**

Doris Granum

**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.**

### *Proclamation and Response*

**Congregational Prayer for Illumination**

Doris Granum

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

Argentine Folk Song

*The soloist will sing once in English.*

*Please join 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

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*

**Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Jeff Cook

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**

Rev. Jeff Cook

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**

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Hymnal, Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

**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

### 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*

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### \* **Benediction**

\* *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  
Doris Granum, Reader  
Judy Hodgens, Bread Baker*

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

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

## **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. A nursery is available.

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.

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).