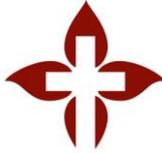


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*World Communion Sunday
October 7, 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

Fanfare on

Charles Callahan

In Christ There Is No East or West

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Rev. Rosemary Grattan

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us join our hearts and voices

in praise to 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. 548

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

McKEE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north;

but one great fellowship of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Jeff Cook

Pour out your Spirit on us again,
as your Word is proclaimed,
that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling,
ardently desire the communion
of Christ's body and blood,
and serve the poor of your people
and all who need your love,
**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Rev. Rosemary Grattan

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Psalm

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Psalm 8

Homily

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

"You're Not Thinking Big Enough"

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Rosemary Grattan

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. Rosemary Grattan

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. Rosemary Grattan

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

Offering of our Gifts

- * The Great Thanksgiving
Hymnal, pages 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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

- * Hymn of Discipleship No. 617
"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

- * 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**.*

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



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Rosemary Grattan, Missionary,
UM General Board of Global Ministries
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*

Rev. Rosemary (Rosie) Charmaine Grattan will assist in worship leadership. An elder ordained in the Rio Texas Conference, Rosie is coming from Austin, Texas, and has been assigned to House of the Carpenter, Wheeling, West Virginia, a nonprofit affiliated with the West Virginia Conference of the UMC, where she will be responsible for developing programs that will hopefully facilitate mentoring relationships for those living in poverty or other tough circumstances. Her heart “lies with helping the poor and empowering those otherwise disenfranchised, to know the new life available in Jesus Christ.”

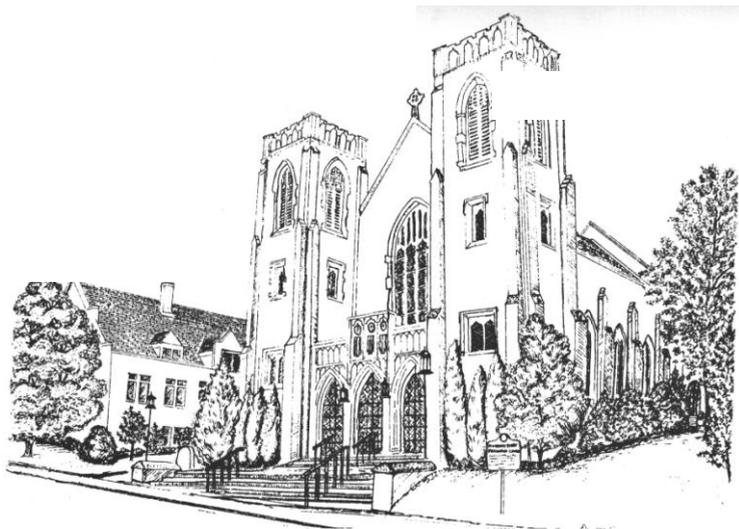
Gluten-Free Communion

We offer only gluten-free bread for communion. Our United Methodist practice of the open communion table can be a point of pride, but we unintentionally may be excluding those among us who are gluten intolerant. Often those affected by this condition, about 1 in 100 of us, quietly remain absent on Communion Sundays or stay seated, rather than to call attention to themselves or "be a bother." Our faithful team of bakers use a gluten-free recipe specially developed to reflect the flavor and texture of the communion bread to which Mulberry is accustomed. If you detect any difference, please consider it an act of grace, in the knowledge that "Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread." I Corinthians 10:17

Today's Scripture

Psalm 8

- ¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



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.

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 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>.

Bible Study Options

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)
(begins September 9) All women are welcome.
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or 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.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)
Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

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.

United Methodist Women's Circles

Esther Circle

Meets: 1st Thursday of the month (beginning October 4th)
at Noon in the Church Parlor
Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638
or magaudry@cox.net.

Grace Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.
Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363
or marilynar@cox.net.

Paula Motes Circle

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month
at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.
Contact: Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038
or dkgo221@cs.com.