

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Mulberry Moment

Being Followers of Jesus

Katie Griffis

Choral Response

Come One, Come All, Come Follow

Philip Dietterich

Come one, come all, come follow the call of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.
He'll teach you to walk, he'll teach you to talk, to share in his love every day.
He'll teach you to work, he'll teach you to play, to share in his love every day.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Luke Baker

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice.

* **Entrance Hymn No. 381**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Opening Prayer

Luke Baker

Good Shepherd
you call us by name,
and we know your voice.
Open the gate for us,
that we may come and go freely,
have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Dane Thomas Birdsong Holloway
Son of Bryson & Catie Holloway

The Baptismal Covenant II is found on page 39 of the hymnal.

Hymn of Baptism No. 611 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

Following the Hymn of Baptism, K-4 and K-5 children may leave through the side exit for Children's Church in the prayer room with Rev. Julia Norman and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your child after worship.

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Call to Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Trevor Ward

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Heidi Ream

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we will hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Heidi Ream

*** Gospel**

Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
2. Followers Are People Seekers

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*** Hymn (insert)**

A Woman and a Coin

LIFE RESTORED

Prayer of Response

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

O God, like a good shepherd searching for a lost lamb,
like a woman looking for a lost coin,
like a father redeeming his son,
your love is rich beyond our deserving.
You never forsake us, no matter how far we move from you.
We thank you for all you have done for us.
Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
that we may grow in faith and increase in love for you.
May our service and witness bring you honor and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

from The Worship Sourcebook

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Mack Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

* **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please note we are using the Doxology from Hymn No. 94.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 451 (Stanzas 1-2)**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

Voluntary

* *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. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children
Rev. Trevor Ward, Minister for Families & Youth
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Cherub, Wesley, and Treble Choirs
Joycelyn Jackson, Flute
Adrian Gnam, Oboe
Betsy Fitzgerald, Harp
Luke Baker, Liturgist
Heidi Ream, Reader
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte
Henry McClure, Crucifer
Austin Carter & Katherine Dent, Candlelighters
Rho Bridges, Baptism Aquifer
Rev. Julia Norman, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Eden and Pink Persons and Eden Perkins by their family.*

Today's music ministry is supported by the Ed and Pree Sell Music Fund.

NewRoom Anniversary

Today is a special day for the 11 a.m. NewRoom service as we celebrate the third anniversary of this worship service. We had a reception at 10:45 a.m., and we invite you to stop by anytime to see our new NewRoom worship space on the third floor.

The Methodist Home for Children & Youth Offering

Please take a moment to read the insert about The Methodist Home for Children & Youth, which has six campuses in the South Georgia Conference. We're receiving an offering today. You may write a check to Mulberry St. UMC and indicate "Methodist Home" on the memo line. If giving cash, you may put it in an offering envelope found in the pew and marking it for "Methodist Home"; if you would like a cash gift included on your giving record, please include your name on the envelope. You can also support this ministry through the Tags of Hope Thrift Shoppe on Vineville Avenue by donating or shopping there.

Being Followers of Jesus

Worship/Sermon Series:

September 15: ***Followers Are People Seekers*** – Luke 15:1-10
September 22: ***Followers Resist Greed*** – Luke 16:1-13
September 29: ***Followers Take Their Faith Home*** – 2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 6: ***Followers Practice Generosity*** – 1 Timothy 6:6-19
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-

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 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

Midweek at Mulberry Wednesday, September 18

Program: Wesley Glen Ministries – Dr. Tyler Plaxico
Supper Line begins at 5:30 p.m.
Children's Choirs – 6:15 p.m.
Youth Fellowship – 6:15 p.m.
Ainsworth Choir – 7:15 p.m.

Small Group Study Led by Matt Woodbery "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays through October 23
6:40 p.m. in the Parlor Classroom

Family Connection Group Led by Julia Norman

Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m. in the Parlor
Come connect with other parents/grandparents while children are in choir or nursery upstairs.

Covered Dish Dinner Sunday, September 29

immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship services in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Sunday September 29

@ 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service