

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Voluntary

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Jack Carter

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

The glory of God echoes throughout the world.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Come, let us joyfully worship God.

(Psalm 19:1-4)

* Entrance Hymn No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Please rise in body or spirit and sing joyfully!

God of glory, Lord of love.
we thank you that you have called us
to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.
We thank you for your redeeming love;
**may your Word strengthen us to love
as you love us.**
God, our Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us. Amen.
*Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook**

Act of Praise

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Joseph Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks to the day,
the night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived,
ever understood.*

Prayer, Proclamation, and Response

Children’s Moment

Christi James

*Children are invited to meet Christi on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children’s Church after Children’s Moment.*

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Please remain seated and sing.

Hymn No. 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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

James 3:1-12

Harold Chapman

* Gospel Reading
Mark 8:27-38

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Belief That Transforms”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn 415
“Take Up Thy Cross”

GERMANY

* Affirmation of Faith
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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory
“Lift High the Cross”

Charles Callahan

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 159
“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

* 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, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

This response is Hymn 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”

Michael Burkhardt

* *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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Memorial Choir
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Luke Baker, Tenor
Allen Crowell, Bass
Caleb Esmond, Piano
Harold Chapman, Lay Reader
Jack Carter, Liturgist
Isabella Ewing, Crucifer
Evan Bogle & Rho Bridges, Candlelighters*

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



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 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>.

Today's Scripture

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."^[a] ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,^[b] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[c] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

(Reprinted from the South Georgia Advocate, <https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate>.)

William Kingston, a man born without arms, came to see John Wesley of his own accord. He was remarkable in many ways. Earlier he had a "clear sense of the favor of God," but after some months he was persuaded by some friends to join in a "favorite diversion" and lost sight of God.

But God had now touched his heart again and he was once more in earnest to save his soul. Wesley describes him as of a middling height and size, with a pleasing look and voice, and an easy, agreeable behavior. John Wesley says that at breakfast William shook off his shoes, which were designed to make it easy for him to do so, took the teacup between his toes, and the toast with his other foot. He could also write a fair hand, and do other things with his feet which we do with our hands.

John Wesley was impressed!