

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 16, 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Paul Manz

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The grace of our Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Scott Wangen

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)*

\* Hymn of Praise No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

\* Opening Prayer

Scott Wangen

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*

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

Scott Wangen





## *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](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 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

<sup>27</sup> 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?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> 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."

<sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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,<sup>[b]</sup> will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words<sup>[c]</sup> 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!

## *Bible Study Options*

### **Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study**

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)

All women are welcome.

Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or [mollywalker@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net).

## *United Methodist Women's Circles*

### **Esther Circle**

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
at Noon in the Church Parlor

Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or [magaudry@cox.net](mailto:magaudry@cox.net).

### **Grace Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.

Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or [marilynarm@cox.net](mailto:marilynarm@cox.net).

### **Paula Motes Circle**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact: Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or [dkg0221@cs.com](mailto:dkg0221@cs.com).