

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22, 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** *Tuba Tune in D Major* C. S. Lang

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

**Mulberry Moment** *Being Followers of Jesus* Bill Jarrard

**Congregational 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** Psalms 79:9; 124:8 Luke Baker  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
**Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.**

\* **Entrance Hymn No. 358** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

**Opening Prayer** Luke Baker  
You hear the cries of our people for justice and mercy;  
you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son,  
who bears our burdens and sets us free.  
**Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us;  
that we may love, follow, and serve you alone. Amen.**

### *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. 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.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Marilyn Armstrong

**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 2:1-7

Marilyn Armstrong

**\* Gospel**

Luke 16:1-13

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

**Sermon**

*BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS*  
*3. Followers Resist Greed*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**\* Doxology**

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*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. 733**

*Marching to Zion*

MARCHING TO ZION

**\* 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**.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Marilyn Armstrong, Reader  
Luke Baker, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Dorothea Peace, mother of Dr. Rush Peace, and Robert A. Robertson,  
father of Judy Peace, by Dr. & Mrs. Rush Peace.*

## ***Being Followers of Jesus***

### *Worship/Sermon Series:*

- 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 1:11-20

### **Liturgists/Readers for 9 a.m. Chapel Worship**

If you might be willing to be a liturgist/reader for 9 a.m. Chapel Worship this fall, please contact Tom Granum to volunteer: [tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org) or cell/706-207-6010. Youth and elementary children (grade 3 and above) are invited, too.

## ***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, September 25**

***Midweek at Mulberry***

Program: Epworth by the Sea – Rev. Wayne Racz

- 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, September 29**

***Being Followers of Jesus:***

***4. Followers Take Their Faith Home*** – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

**9:00 a.m. Chapel Worship:**

Rev. Jeff Cook and the Fifth Sunday Musicians  
Congregational singing of music from the gospel-song tradition

**11:00 a.m. NewRoom Worship:**

Rev. Bob Moon, guest preacher  
Rev. Moon is Methodist Home Vice President for Church Relations/Chaplain.

**11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship:**

Youth Sunday  
Graham Johnston and Nik O'Dette will give the homilies,  
and over 30 of our youth will lead us in worship.  
Come and support our youth by your presence and participation.

**Covered-Dish Luncheon**

All are invited to the Covered-Dish Luncheon at noon in Fellowship Hall. Meat, rolls, and drinks are provided. Please bring a covered-dish or dessert.  
You may bring food to the kitchen beginning at 9:30 a.m.