

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Taylor Broun

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
The last are first in the realm of God;
the least are welcomed in Jesus’ name.
Let us worship God.

* Entrance Hymn No. 102

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

Please rise in body or spirit and sing joyfully giving thanks to God!

* Prayer of Confession

Taylor Broun

**Merciful God, we confess that
we have not followed your way.
We sow the seeds of conflict
while you seek the harvest of peace.
We argue about who is greatest
while you welcome the last and least.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Draw near to us this day
with the wisdom of your Word,
and teach us how to serve you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

* Congregational Response

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

This response is Hymn No. 191

Choral Response

“Create in Me”

Terre Johnson

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit in me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

From Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer, Proclamation, and Response

Children’s Moment

*Children are invited to meet Doris and Tom Granum
on the chancel steps. K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children’s Church after the Prayers of the People
and the Lord’s Prayer.*

Prayers of the People
and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The congregation will echo the children each time singing:
God of grace, in this place, hear now our 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.**

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.**

Epistle Reading
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Gary Dunn

Psalm

Taylor Broun

Psalm 1

*This responsive reading is found at Psalm 1,
page 738 in the hymnbook.*

*Please read the psalm responsively and sing the Response 2
when the "R" is listed.*

* Gospel Reading
Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

"When Losing Is Winning"

* Hymn 581

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" BEACH SPRING

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Mark Hayes

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

*Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

* 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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
The soloist will sing the first phrase of each stanza.

...in my heart, in my heart...

In my heart (in my heart),

in my heart (in my heart.)

Lord, I want to be...in my heart, in my heart.

This hymn is Hymn No. 402

* 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* *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**.*

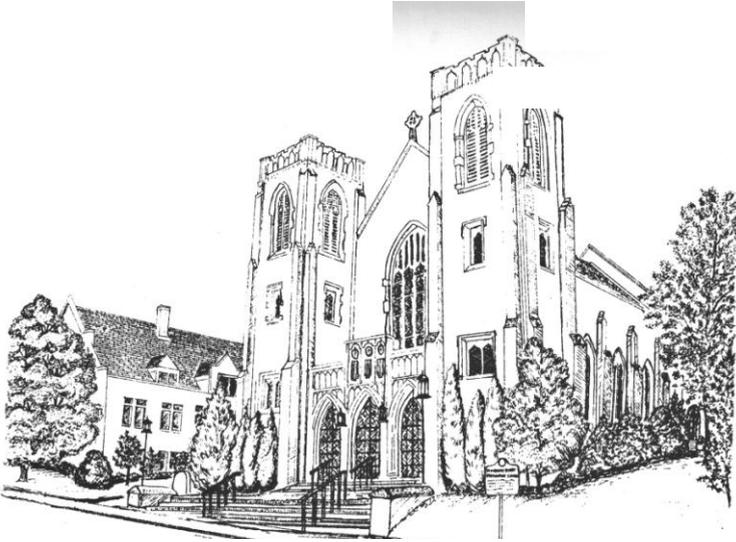

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Memorial Choir
Krysta Therieau, Soprano
Gary Dunn, Lay Reader
Taylor Broun, Liturgist
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Ben Jamison, Crucifer
Graham Hefner & Ella Magda, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Guy M. Harrington
by Mickey & Carol Pope.*

Why The Color Green?

The long season (Pentecost through Advent) we are in - Trinity Sunday through Christ The King - is a time in the church year referred to as Ordinary Time. It is a time we focus on living out faith and understanding the meaning of Christ's resurrection in "ordinary everyday life." Green is the color we use because it reminds us of the growing season and for us it symbolizes growth in Christ.

Chris Abbott, Worship Chair



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 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

Wesley told his followers that they should support their local Church of England and go there for worship and Holy Communion. Some asked him, "But what should we do if the pastor teaches doctrines we do not believe, like predestination? Or if he says there can be no Christian perfection this side of heaven? Or preaches against enthusiasm?"

Wesley would reply to them and to us today, "In that case you should simply and quietly get up and leave the sanctuary. Do not make any disturbance in doing so. And return to your pew the next time worship is offered."

Wesley believed "We Are Better Together" even if we do not agree with one another.

In essentials: Unity.

In non-essentials: Tolerance.

In all things: Love.

This has been a John Wesley Moment.