

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 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. Jeff Cook

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

Voluntary

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 32:1-3

Austin Carter

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
May my teaching drop like the rain,
my speech condense like the dew;
**like gentle rain on grass,
like showers on new growth.**
For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God!
Come, let us sing praise to God who reigns above!

* Entrance Hymn No. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART
Please rise in body or spirit and sing joyfully.

* Prayer of Confession

Austin Carter

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You rain down mercy upon us,
yet we murmur in our discontent.
You cast out the evil within us,
yet we fling curses at others.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Call us home from our wandering,
deliver our souls from death,
and cover us with your love:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Words of Assurance

Austin Carter

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

* Congregational Response

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation, the God of power,
the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.**

Prayer, Proclamation, and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

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.**

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Please remain seated to sing.

Hymn No. 598 (Stanza 1)

"O Word of God Incarnate"

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**O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.**

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Mark 9:38-50

Psalm Katie Trotter
Psalm 124
Please sing the refrain when indicated:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Epistle Lesson Rev. Jeff Cook
James 5:13-20

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

Sermon Rev. Jeff Cook
“Faith That Heals”

Hymn No. 265
“O Christ, the Healer” ERHALT UNS HERR
Please remain seated until indicated to stand.
Stanza 1 – Soloist
Stanza 2 – Choir
Please stand and sing when indicated.
Stanza 3 – All
Stanza 4 – Choir
Stanza 5 – All

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory
“There is a Balm in Gilead” arr. William L. Dawson
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*
*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*
*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.”*

* 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 Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No 452
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Seth Bingham

* *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. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Memorial Choir
Caleb Esmond, Organ
Krysta Therieau, Soprano
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Luke Baker, Tenor
Austin Carter, Liturgist
Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte
Reilly Brown, Crucifer
Wilson Brown & Emerson Toles, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Roberts.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
“Wright” Christopher McClendon,
son of Taylor and Mary Priestly McLendon
born on September 25, 2018.
Proud grandparents are Chris and Melinda McLendon
and Bill and Cindy Jarrard.*



Did you know Jesus has a monogram? Christian symbols are known as Christograms. You may have noticed our green and white hangings, our Crucifer (processional cross) and other crosses around the church all have the Christogram, “IHS.” It is the Christian monogram based on the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek (IHCOG). These symbols first appeared in the 7th and 8th century early church. Religious symbolism has an effect when it affects both intellect and the emotions.

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

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters,^[a] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's^[b] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

Did you know that John Wesley introduced hymn singing into the English-speaking Church? When John was in Georgia he took some of the German hymns, added several others, took them to Charleston, and had them printed in 1736. It was probably the first hymn book in the Anglican (Church of England) denomination.

Before John Wesley, English-speaking congregations chanted psalms, but did not sing hymns. Wesley enjoyed the hymn singing of the German Moravians on the ship coming to Georgia and when he worshipped with them in Georgia.

When John was a student at Christ Church Collage at Oxford he played the flute. One entry in his Georgia diary indicates his desire to spend at least one hour each day playing his flute while in Georgia.

Wesley loved great singing! He rejoiced when the children in his schools sang. However, he was greatly disturbed by poor singing. He especially disliked it when several people who had good voices would sing different words at the same time. He thought that such singing was the most foolish thing he ever heard.