

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Mulberry Moment

Being Followers of Jesus

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Choral 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

paraphrase of Psalm 95

Sam McDaniel

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.
If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.
Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord.
Let us tell the world that God has saved us.
Let us thank God from the bottom of our hearts.
Let us sing songs of praise.
If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.
Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God.
Let us kneel before the God who made us.
The Lord is our God. We are God's people. God loves us.
If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.
Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.
Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did
when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.
If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.
from The Worship Sourcebook

* Entrance Hymn No. 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Opening Prayer

Sam McDaniel

God of all creation,
your claim on us is total;
your desire for us, complete.
**We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance.
Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring.**

**Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts,
until we yield all that we love and all that we fear
to your holy purpose.**

For we long to cede our lives to you;

we long to know the fullness of your joy.

**We dare to pray in the name of Jesus,
who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.**

from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.

*After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room
and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

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. Julia Norman

**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

Heather Evans

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

Philemon 1-21

Heather Evans

*** Gospel**

Luke 14:25-33

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon

BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

1. Followers Are Serious About Their Faith

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text by Isaac Watts, 1707

*** 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

* **Hymn of Discipleship No. 415**

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

Welcome of New Members

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Congregational Response**

Please join the choir singing:

**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. . .

This response is Hymn 159.

* **Greeting Our New Members**

* *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. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Wesley Choir and Cherub Choir
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Caleb Esmond, Organ
Sam McDaniel, Liturgist
Heather Evans, Reader
Akins Manley, Lead Acolyte
Emerson Toles, Crucifer
Mary Caroline Bushway & Piper Bushway, Candlelighters
Amanda Smith, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
Henry & Cater Clay and their grandparents, Cubbedge & Frances Snow
by Cater Thompson, Hank Clay and Frances Clay.*

Being Followers of Jesus

Worship/Sermon Series: September 8 – November 24

- September 8: **Followers Are Serious About Their Faith** – Luke 14:25-33
September 15: **Followers Are People Seekers** – Luke 15:1-10
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

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.

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.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our 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 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

Midweek at Mulberry

Wednesday, September 11

Program: 9/11 Observance – Retired Police Chief John Vasquez

Supper Line begins at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Choirs – 6:15 p.m.

Youth Fellowship – 6:15 p.m.

Ainsworth Choir – 7:15 p.m.

Small Group Study Led by Matt Woodbery "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays through October 23

6:40 p.m. in the Parlor Classroom

Family Connection Group

Led by Julia Norman

Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m. in the Parlor

Come connect with other parents/grandparents while children are in choir or nursery upstairs.

Vibrant Luncheon

Thursday, September 12

Fountain of Juice (4123 Forsyth Road)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We have reserved a private room at Fountain of Juice for our September Vibrant Luncheon.

R.S.V.P. to the church office, 745-8601 by September 9.

Covered Dish Dinner

Sunday, September 29

immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship services in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Sunday

September 29

@ 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service