

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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

Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Heidi Ream

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

Peace be upon Israel.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.

Peace be upon Israel.

Come, let us worship the immortal God who surrounds us.

(Psalm 125:1-2, 5)

* Entrance Hymn No. 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

* Opening Prayer

Adele Bauman

We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

**We praise you that in Jesus Christ
you came to us with forgiveness,
and that by your Holy Spirit,
you move us to repent and receive your love.**

Though we are sinners,
you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

**We praise you, great God,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

from The Worship Sourcebook

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

Adele Bauman

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

K Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Proclamation and Response

Congregational Prayer for Illumination
Please remain seated and sing.

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.**

Epistle Reading
James 2:1-17

Heidi Ream

* Hymn No. 432
“Jesu, Jesu”

CHERE PONI

* Gospel Reading
Mark 7:24-30

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon
“Energy and Brains”

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory
“Let Us Love One Another”

Arnold Sherman

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord.
Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God,
but that he loves us and sent his only Son to free us from our sin.
How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God?
He sent his only Son to die for all our sins.
Is there greater love than this? Is there greater love than this?
Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love this way too,
and alive in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.
from I John 4:7-11*

**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 No. 438
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

DUKE STREET

* 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, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

This response is Hymn 159.

Closing Voluntary

“Prelude in G”

J. S. Bach

* *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
Luke Baker, Tenor
Caleb Esmond, Organ
Katie Trotter, Violin
Heidi Ream, Lay Reader
Adele Bauman, Liturgist
Reilly Brown, Lead Acolyte
Austin Carter, Crucifer
Cooper Baskette & Ella Magda, Candlelighters*

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



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 7:24-30

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.^[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir,^[b] even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

John Wesley returned from Georgia a deeply troubled young minister. His life had been shattered and he felt that he had no faith. Upon his arrival back in London he found a group of German Moravians. The Moravians had impressed him during a storm at sea and had blessed him while in Georgia. He befriended a young Moravian pastor, Peter Bohler. Bohler was 10 years younger than John. He spoke German and a little English. John Wesley spoke English and German. But they found that they could talk freely in Latin.

John told Peter that he was going to quit preaching because he "had no faith." Bohler said, "Don't do that, Mr. Wesley. You are a Bible scholar and have so much to offer. Preach faith until you have it. Then you will preach faith because you do have it."

Wesley tried that, but it didn't work very well. He said, "I need faith that will give me three things: peace (in the face of death), joy, and victory over sin. And I just don't have it."

Bohler said, "Well, sir, you can have it. And you can have it instantaneously. But first you must put aside all this philosophy and just come as a little child and ask Christ to save you. And He will.

Then the Holy Spirit will give you the assurance you are seeking."

Wesley replied, "It can't be that easy. Don't you have to do something: study, search, pray, do good works?"

Bohler said, "Just come as a little child. Study your Bible." Can't you just see this young pastor telling the Bible teacher from Oxford to study his Bible!

Wesley did a study of the Book of Acts looking for conversions there. After this study he concluded that every conversion in the Book of Acts was an instantaneous conversion except one – Paul. Paul's conversion took a few days.

Wesley said, "I see it is in the Bible. But that was way back then. I just don't see it around me today."

Yes, John Wesley on his return from Georgia was a very troubled young minister.