

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018
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.*

Voluntary

Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Marilyn Armstrong

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)

* Hymn of Praise No. 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

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.**

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

* 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.**

Epistle Reading
James 2:1-17

Marilyn Armstrong

* 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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

DUKE STREET

* 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, Lay Reader
Luke Baker, Tenor*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents
Rev. and Mrs. Harold Chapman, Sr.
and Rev. and Mrs. Albert Ray by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*



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.

Bible Study Options

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)
(begins September 9) All women are welcome.

Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or mollywalker@cox.net.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road

Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813)

or clarerauls@bellsouth.net.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)

Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

Small Groups

Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

Monday Evening Small Group

5:30-7:00 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)

Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

Tuesday Evening Small Group

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback
(821 Wesleyan Drive)

Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or
lambacks@bellsouth.net.

United Methodist Women's Circles

Esther Circle

Meets: 1st Thursday of the month (beginning October 4th)
at Noon in the Church Parlor

Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or
magaudry@cox.net.

Grace Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month (beginning September 6th)
at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.

Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or
marilynar@cox.net.

Paula Motes Circle

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month (beginning September 12th)
at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or dkgo221@cs.com.