

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

Harry Ward, Violin

Call to Worship

Sarah Grantham

Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
**let us therefore approach
the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 166

“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” SINE NOMINE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing
unless we are born again,
your death and sacrifice mean nothing
unless we die to sin,
your resurrection means nothing,
if you be risen alone.

Raise and exalt us, O Savior,
both now to the estate of grace
and hereafter to the state of glory;
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Ainsworth Choir
Paul Sjoland

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*All children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
Kids age 6 and under will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

New Testament Lesson
Acts 9:1-9 (NIV)

Sarah Grantham

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

Sermon
"Something Happened"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Olivia Jones Coleman
Daughter of Tracy and Joni Coleman

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include Olivia now before you
in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Olivia
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.
We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Olivia to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of our Gifts
“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Peter Schultz, Tenor
Dan Forrest

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears:
Before the Throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.
Five bleeding wounds He bears,
received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die.”
My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw night,
and “Father, Abba, Father” cry. Arise, my soul, arise!
Text by Charles Wesley*

* 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Christian Discipleship No. 378

“Amazing Grace” (stanzas 1, 2 3 & 6)

AMAZING GRACE

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

Closing Voluntary

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir*

*Dr. David Keith, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Sarah Grantham, Lay Reader
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Savannah Stone, Crucifer
Olivia Mann & Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters
Graham Johnston, Baptismal Pitcher*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by the Scampers
in loving memory of the faithful members who are no longer with us.*

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.
Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*

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Today's Sermon
"Something Happened"

Today's Scripture
Acts 9:1-9

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Sermon Notes

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