

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



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

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 310
"He Lives"

ACKLEY

* Opening Prayer

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

“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 nigh,

and “Father, Abba, Father” cry. Arise, my soul, arise!

Text by Charles Wesley

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Gifts

* Doxology

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**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.**

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

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Something Happened”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 378

“Amazing Grace” (stanzas 1, 2 3 & 6)

AMAZING GRACE

* 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*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Olive and John Cowan
by their daughter Angela Cowan Irving and family.*

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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

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and click on "Listen" on top right.*

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

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*