

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Robert Powell

Call to Worship

Ann Smith

Behold, the resurrection claims us!

**We want to see with our eyes
and touch with our hands
the marks of God’s sacrificial love.**

Behold, the Spirit calls to us!

**We want to know the peace of those
who believe where they have not seen.**

The ancestors sing to us: Christ is risen! God is light!

Live in this light!

**Blessed are those who live the resurrection.
May we join their everlasting song: Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed! Amen!**

* Entrance Hymn No. 327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy Lord, you are Light.

Grant us eyes to see and ears to hear

the resurrection joy so many cannot yet believe.

Open our hearts to hear the word

you proclaim to us this day.

Open our minds to embrace the life

you hold before us.

Show us the way of unity,
that we may live generously
as people of light.
Reign among us, resurrected one.
Reign in us today. **Amen.**

Act of Praise (*congregation may be seated*)
“Hallelujah” (Messiah)

Ainsworth Choir
G. F. Handel



*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave
for children’s church at this time.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

* Gospel Lesson

Ann Smith

John 20:19-31

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Tommy Perkins

“Easter Deserts”

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts
“Lord of the Dance”

Betsy Swanson, Soprano
arr. Mark Hayes

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

* The Great Thanksgiving

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Sung responses – Congregation echoes the cantor.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion will be served by intinction.

The altar is open for prayer.

Please let an usher know

if you need to be served in your pew.

Let us pray.

**God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you and each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 303

“The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present for him
in the world this week.*

Recessional on “Hail Thee Festival Day” Michael Burkhardt

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Director of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Caitlin Dowling, Assistant Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Ann Smith, Lay Reader
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Savannah Stone, Communion Steward
Ames Jamison, Crucifer
Ben Jamison & Jake Jamison, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lucy Hall Gordon
by her son, Don R. Gordon and his family.*

Communion Offering

*Today's communion offering will go to
Wesley Foundation of Macon.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 5:21-34

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed
so that we can share with you about what's happening
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*