

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



Gathering and 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

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!**

* Hymn of Praise No. 327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

* Opening Prayer

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
“Lord of the Dance”

Betsy Swanson, Soprano
arr. Mark Hayes

* Gospel Lesson
John 20:19-31

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

Homily
“Easter Deserts”

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Invitation to the Table

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

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13
(Communion responses are spoken.)

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 310
"He Lives"

ACKLEY

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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

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

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.*