

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *Resurrection of the Lord*

*Easter Sunday  
April 16, 2017  
Nine O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our risen Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Voluntary  
“Grand Choeur Dialogue”

Brass and Organ  
Gigout/Olson

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and blessing!  
**The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**  
This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 302  
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
(stanzas 1-4)

EASTER HYMN

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of glory,

fill your church with the power  
that flows from Christ's resurrection  
so that, in the midst of our sinful world,  
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,  
risen to new life with Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation From Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither  
death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Act of Praise

"Hallelujah" (*Mount of Olives*)

Ainsworth Choir

Beethoven

New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 36-43

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Musical Reflection

“Dogwood’s a’ Bloomin’”

Robin & Bill Wolaver

Katie Trotter, Soprano  
Adele Bauman, Alto Peter Schultz, Tenor  
Sarah Abbott, Violin Julia Swain, Viola  
Mary Grace Bender, Cello

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“This Joyful Eastertide”

John Ferguson

\* Hymn of Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Gospel Lesson

John 20: 1-18

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Giving Up Death”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Joy No. 310

“He Lives”

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\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Now to the King eternal,  
immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Voluntary

“Toccata” (*Symphony V*)

Cam Bishop, Organ  
Charles-Marie Widor



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Ainsworth Choir Conductor, David Keith*  
*Brass Quintet*  
*Mark Mashburn, Trumpet*  
*Jonathan Greene, Trumpet*  
*Eric Hawkins, Horn*  
*Travis Longenberger, Trombone*  
*Bryan Hall, Tuba*  
*Caleb Herron, Timpani*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr.  
by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of  
Gabriel Bruce Respass, son of Joel and Amanda Respass  
on April 3, 2017.*

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**Today's Sermon**

“Giving Up Death”

**Today's Scripture**

Acts 10:36-43 NLT

36 “This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism.

38 And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross,

40 but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear,

41 not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead.

43 He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.””

**Sermon Notes**

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please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on “Listen” on top right.*

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*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

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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,  
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