

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greeting

Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”

J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

Mary Hurt

We are created in God’s image.
We are the children of God.
If children, then heirs, joint heirs with Christ.
**Let us give thanks to the Father,
and sing praises to his holy name.**

* Entrance Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYMN TO JOY

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, His the sceptre, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
“I am with you evermore?”**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Christ on earth our food and stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful rest in You from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Christ,

who lived to show what life is like,

who died to show that sin is death,

who rose to raise us up to life eternal,

help us to follow you and love you forever. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Ainsworth Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Avery Hollis Bozant

Daughter of Chad and Whitney Bozant

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 this family 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 this family

with a community of love and forgiveness,

that they may grow in their trust of God,

and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them that they may be true disciples

who walk in the way that leads to life.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,

We commend Avery 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 in this congregation**

of The 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.

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love’s expression,
love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

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.

* Hymn No. 188

“Christ is the World’s Light”

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

New Testament Lesson

Mary Hurt

1 John 1:1-2:2

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

We Believe:

Community and Accountability

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Alexis Marie O’Dette

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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
"And Can It Be"

William Hutchens, Tenor
arr. Innes/Kimbrough

* Doxology

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!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 664
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

THE ASH GROVE

* 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.*

“All Glory Be to God on High” Timothy Albresht

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Director of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir*

*Mary Hurt, Lay Reader
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Sara Kate Sellers, Crucifer
John Morgan Manley & Hampton Tiller, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of the J. V. Buncie
and Mary Miller Skinner family.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 5:35-43

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.*