

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2017  
Eleven O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our risen Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Flourish and Chorale”

Michael McCabe

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise the Lord in the heights!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name alone is exalted  
whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O living Lord,  
on the first Easter Day  
you stood in the midst of your disciples  
as the conqueror of sin and death  
and spoke to them your peace.  
Come to us, we pray, in your risen power  
and make us glad with your presence,  
and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts  
that we may be strong to serve you  
and spread abroad your good news,  
for the glory of your great name. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 881  
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And 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, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
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. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Ainsworth Choir

Mack Wilburg

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Parker McHan Jones

Son of Stephen and Merritt Jones

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 Parker 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 Parker**

**with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that he may grow in his trust of God,  
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

\* Commendation and Welcome (*congregation stands*)

Members of the household of God,  
We commend Parker to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith,  
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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 at Mulberry Street 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”

STUTT GART

**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 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

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.*

Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear what you are saying to us today. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Kelly Stone

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“What Now?”

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

Peter Schultz, Tenor

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Dan Forrest

*Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears; received at Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“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,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.  
(Text by Charles Wesley)*

\* Hymn of Response No. 162

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**(4) Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## *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.*

Closing Voluntary  
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Al Travis

\* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Conductor*  
*Kelly Stone, Lay Reader*  
*Pam Johnston, Director of Children’s & Family Ministries*  
*Savannah Stone, Acolyte*  
*Hampton Tiller, Crucifer*  
*Georgia Mercer & Davis Uren, 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.*

### *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*

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

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**Today's Sermon**

“What Now?”

**Today's Scripture**

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

7 so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Sermon Notes**

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