

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary
“The Kingsfold Trumpet”

Alfred Fedak

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
**All the shining stars praise you, O God,
for you commanded and they were created.**
Praise the Lord from the earth,
young men and women alike,
old and young together!
**Let everyone praise the name of the Lord,
for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 89
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

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

God, you are the source of our life.
Gather us now together, we pray.
Form us into a holy community of your own people.
Mold us by the breath of your holy spirit.
Reveal in this corporate body
the face of your anointed Christ. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

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

“Come, Blessed Savior”

Camille Saints-Saëns

Nicholas Spooner, Tenor James Hoskins, Baritone

*Come, blessed Savior.
Grant us Thy blessing, we implore Thee.
Come, weary of striving.
We kneel before Thee. O blessed Savior.
Grant us now thy peace and mercy.
Souls faint with longing, pray for thy healing,
balm of heavenly grace.
Hear, O Lord, our prayer.
Come, blessed Savior. Grant us thy blessing.
We wait before Thee. Hear our humble prayer. Amen.*

Pastoral 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

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

New Testament Reading
Acts 8:26-38 (NIV)

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

Sermon
“Chariot Riders”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 571
“Go, Make of All Disciples”

LANCASHIRE

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in honor of Mulberry's children.*

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Today's Sermon

“Chariot Riders”

Today's Scripture

Acts 8:26-38 (NIV)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁷ ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Sermon Notes

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