

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday of Easter  
April 3, 2016  
Eleven O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

“Chaconne in G Minor”

Tomaso Vitali

Keoni Bolding, Violin

Call to Worship

Amy Griffith Dever

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
“who is, and who was,  
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Blessing and honor and glory  
and might be unto the Lamb!**

Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood  
from every tribe and tongue and nation,  
and made his people a kingdom,  
and priests to our God.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come! Amen.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

through your only Son you overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection,  
by the renewing of your Spirit,  
arise from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance:  
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Easter Anthem

Ainsworth Choir

William Billings

*The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
And did he rise? Hear it, ye nations!  
Hear it, O ye dead! He rose, He rose!  
He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.  
Then I rose. Then first Humanity  
triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,  
and seized the Eternal Youth.  
Man, all immortal hail.  
Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.  
(from the New Testament and Young's 'Night Thoughts')*

***Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for  
children's church after the Act of Praise.***

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8 (CEB)

\* Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

Amy Griffith Dever

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

Homily

“New Domains: Resurrection J.O.Y. dot org”

Rev. Tommy Perkins

\* Hymn No. 451

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

### 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

# THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

- \* The Great Thanksgiving  
Musical Setting B Hymnal Pages 19-20  
*Congregation echoes the cantor.*

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.**

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

- \* Hymn of Christian Discipleship No. 304  
"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" REGENT SQUARE

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

- Closing Voluntary Olivier Messiaen  
"Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ  
which is its own glory" (*Ascension Suite*)  
Richard Gress, Organist

*This avant-garde piece was written in celebration of Christ's Ascension into Heaven. It is intentionally loud and dissonant because of Messiaen's unique musical language. To understand the piece better, think of it as a series of musical gestures inspired by the demonstration of Christ's victory over death in the Ascension.*

- \* Benediction Rev. Tommy Perkins

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor Emeritus*

*Ainsworth Choir*

*David Keith, Conductor*

*Lynneth Whitten, Cantor*

*Amy Griffith Dever, Lay Reader*

*Florence Allen, Bread Baker*

*Mildred Howard & Mavis Trice, Lay Communion Servers*

*Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte*

*John Morgan Manley, Crucifer*

*Sara Kate Sellers, Communion Steward*

*Cooper Baskette & Akins Manley, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Hilda Harris  
by her daughters, Bobbie Gore and Rita Swicegood.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of  
William Sherwood James, son of Baxter and Christi James,  
born March 28, 2016.*

## **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**

“New Domains: Resurrection J.O.Y. dot org”

**Today's Scripture**

Revelation 1:4-8 (CEB)

<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

<sup>19</sup> It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.”<sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples told him, “We've seen the Lord!” But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe.”

<sup>26</sup> After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. <sup>31</sup> But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and click on “Listen” on top right.*