

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Recognition of Quiet Disciple

Mary Hurt

The grace of our risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Voluntary on TRURO”

M. Burkhardt

Call to Worship

John Inzetta

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 318

“Christ is Alive”

TRURO

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God,

we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,
but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank you for the humility and holiness
in which he lived and died.

We praise you that he freed us from our sin,
that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,
and that he gives us courage to follow him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! **Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord God, we wish to see Jesus.
By your Spirit's power, give us eyes to see his glory.
Through Christ we pray. **Amen.**

* Gospel Lesson

John Inzetta

Luke 24:13-21, 28-32 (CEB)

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

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Perkins

“Emmaus Expectations – On the Road Again”

An Order of Farewell

I thank you, the members and friends of Mulberry Street
United Methodist Church,
for the love and support you have shown me
while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
as you minister elsewhere.**

We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,
trusting that our time together and our parting
are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.

I encourage your continuing ministry here
and will pray for you and for your pastors,
Jimmy and Jeff.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us
is from everlasting to everlasting,
we give you thanks for cherished memories
and commend one another into your care
as we move in new directions.**

**Keep us one in your love forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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Today's Sermon

“Emmaus Expectations – On the Road Again”

Today's Scripture

Luke 24:13-21, 28-32 (CEB)

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

¹⁹ He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago.

²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead.

²⁹ But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

Sermon Notes

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