

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



Gathering Music Fifth Sunday

Greeting Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Opening Hymn Fifth Sunday

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”

Refrain:

**Glory, glory, halleluiah! Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory, halleluiah! Since I laid my burden down.**

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down...

Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah,” since I laid my burden down...

“Ole-Time Religion”

Refrain:

**Gimme that ole-time religion,
Gimme that ole-time religion,
Gimme that ole-time religion
It’s good enough for me.**

It was good for Paul and Silas,...

It will take us all to heaven,...

Act of Praise Fifth Sunday

“The Storm is Passing Over”

Prayer Hymn

“Near the Cross”

**Jesus keep me near the cross,
there a precious fountain.
Free to all – a healing stream,
flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.**

Refrain:

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star
sheds its beams around me.**

Refrain

**Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day,
with its shadows o’er me.**

Refrain

**Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river.**

Refrain

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

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**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.**

* Gospel Lesson

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Closing Hymn
“Sweet By and By”

**There’s a land that is fairer than day,
and by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
to prepare us a dwelling place there.**

Refrain:

**In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore,
in the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.**

**We shall sing on that beautiful shore
the melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
not a sigh for the blessing of rest.**

Refrain

**To our bountiful Father above,
we will offer our tribute of praise,
for the glorious gift of His love,
and the blessings that hallow our days.**

Refrain

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*

*Fifth Sunday
Johnny Hathcock
Barbara Henley
Sam Lamback
Sean McCarty
Jerry Stinchcomb
Lynneth Whitten*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. Andrew J. Lyndon.*

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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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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