

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 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
“Trumpet Tune”

David Johnson

Call to Worship

Come, let us give thanks to the Lord!
Let us bow down before our Maker!
Let us tell of God’s love and greatness.
Let us serve him with joy and gladness.

* Hymn of Praise No. 384
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

* Opening Prayer

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

We thank you, O God,
for calling us into your church to be your people.
We have gathered because we have heard your call.
You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ,
you have touched us with your Spirit,
and we have turned toward you,
seeking to love as we have been loved.
We call upon your holy name:
empower us to worship and serve you,
walking gently on this earth,
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray
Our Father, who art in heaven...

* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise

“O God, How Endless is Thy Love”

Chris Abbott, Tenor
Gordon Young

Psalm 51:10-17

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;

were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.**

Confession and Pardon

Let us pray to the Lord with humility.
Let us consider the greatness of God
 alongside our need for a new heart and a new spirit.

**O God of glory and mercy,
 you reveal yourself to us in Jesus.
And yet at times our eyes do not see him;
 our minds do not know him,
 our hearts do not love him,
 our voices do not praise him.
Be thou our vision, O Lord:
 expand our perception,
 increase our comprehension,
 strengthen our passion,
 and transform us through acts of worship and service.
In the name of the One whose light shines in the darkness,
 even Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.**

Silent Confession

You cleanse our hearts, O God.
You make us new creatures
 and fill us with your Holy Spirit.
We give you thanks and praise,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Saved People Serve People: Inside Out

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

**Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in memory of their fathers,
Arthur Anderson and David Nicholson
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

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

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

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Today's Sermon

Saved People Serve People: Inside Out

Today's Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

14 You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Sermon Notes

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