

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16, 2015  
Nine O'clock*



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Fanfare-Trumpet Tune”

Franklin Ashdown

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into God’s presence with singing!**

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,  
and God’s courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God’s name!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

SPANISH HYMN

\* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God our Father,

we have come here to sing to you,

to pray to you,

to hear you speaking to us.

Help us to remember your presence with us

as we seek to worship you. **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

Ainsworth Ensemble

“Take Up Your Cross”

Ronald Corp

*“Take up your cross”, the Savior said, “if you want to follow me.”  
I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.*

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 Reading Rev. Jimmy Towson  
John 6:60-67 (NIV)

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

Sermon Rev. Jimmy Towson  
Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower  
“Define the Relationship”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship ASSAM  
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

**I have decided to follow Jesus;** *(sing 3 times)*  
**No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;** *(sing 3 times)*  
**No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;** *(sing 3 times)*  
**No turning back, no turning back.**  
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\* 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*  
*Ainsworth Ensemble*  
*Chris Abbott*  
*Greg Elliott*  
*Eldon Lundin*  
*Taylor Russell*  
*Peter Schultz*  
*Betsy Swanson*  
*Beth Tripp*  
*Katie Trotter*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Lolita Rutland's birthday  
by Harold Downs.*

## **Welcome All Visitors**

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope  
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,  
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*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.*

**Gospel Reading for the Week**  
*Mark 10:32-45*

**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**

Not a Fan: Completely Committed Follower  
“Define the Relationship”

**Today's Scripture**

John 6:60-67

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

**Sermon Notes**

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