

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2015  
Eleven O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

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

“The Temple Church Suite”

*Adagio and Andante*

John Stanley

Call to Worship

Karen Carter

Praise the Lord!

**Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and for evermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

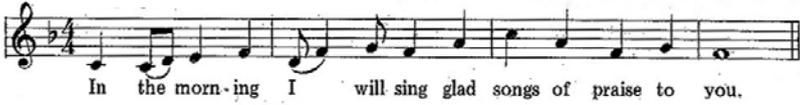
Psalm 63:1-8

“In the Morning I Will Sing”

David Goodrich

Eldon Lundin, Soloist

*The congregation will sing the refrain as directed*



*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave  
for children's church at this time.*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination

Karen Carter

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

\* Gospel Reading

Karen Carter

Mark 10:35-45

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

Homily

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Power of Serving:  
“Because you, too...”

\* Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church,  
apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

CHEREPONI

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

“Gifts of Finest Wheat”

Jeff Honoré

# **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving  
Musical Setting A

Rev. Jimmy Towson  
UMH Pages 17-18

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
The altar is open for prayer.  
Please let an usher know  
if you need to be served in your pew*

Music at Communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**God of grace,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May this food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you and each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

# SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

LAND OF REST

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.**

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\* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,  
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes  
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you  
in worship this morning and how you can be present  
for him in the world this week.*

*“With the Lord Begin Your Task” Michael Burkhardt*

\* Benediction

Rev Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries*

*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*Karen Carter, Lay Reader*

*Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte*

*Ames Jamison, Crucifer*

*Emma Johnston, Communion Steward*

*Ben Jamison & Jake Jamison, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our parents*

*Albert and Alouise Ray and Harold and Madge Chapman  
by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*

## **Communion Offering**

*Today’s communion offering will go to Macon Outreach.*

## **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.*

### **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 left.*

### **Gospel Reading for the Week**

*Mark 10:1-12*

### **Up & Coming Events & Prayer List**

*Mulberry’s Up & Coming Events and Prayer List  
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*