

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 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

“The Temple Church Suite”

John Stanley

*Adagio and Andante*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

\* Opening Prayer

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.**

\* 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.**

\* Gospel Reading

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..."

Invitation to the Table

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

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**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 in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* 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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\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

**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  
so that we can share with you about what's happening  
in the life of this church.*

***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**

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