

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2016
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“Prelude in G Major” (BWV 541)

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Veronica Perkins

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 sing of all that God has done!

* Entrance Hymn No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

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

Bless us, O God,
with a reverent sense of your presence,
that we may be at peace
and may worship you
with all our mind and spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Ainsworth Choir

Derek Hakes

Bibles and Backpacks

The Story of Jesus as a Boy at the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

Austin & Henry Carter

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Pam Johnston

Elizabeth Leigh Baskette
Lillian Grace Bender
Martha Susan Berg
Abigail Camille Bishop
Joseph Ellis Bridges
Virginia Lawton Capps
Henry Hathcock Carter
Barbara Reynolds Hefner
Margaret Watters Jamison
Veronica Jane Perkins
Blake Cameron Sharpton, Jr.
Lilly Grace Singleton
Alex Tharp

Thankful Response

Maggie Jamison

Thank you, Mulberry family, for the gift of these Bibles.
God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths.
**May God help you grow in your faith
as you read and study his word.**

*All children, teachers, and administrators
are invited to come forward
during the following hymn
to receive a blessing for the school year.*

Hymn of God's Love (*congregation remains seated*)

"Jesus Loves Me"

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Words from Our Senior Pastor

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pam Johnston

O Holy God, the time has come for the school year to begin,
and we ask a blessing on the backpacks in which these
children carry so many of their daily needs.

Lord of Life and Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless all who teach them in the coming weeks and months,
giving them wisdom, energy and creativity to inspire
each child. Make their work a blessing to our children.

Lord of Life and Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless, O God, all the administrators that they may be faithful
stewards of the resources entrusted to them. Make
them fair and merciful, and able to work with a spirit
of grace and compassion.

Lord of Life and Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless each one here that we will seek opportunities to grow
in our knowledge and love of you—in Sunday School,
in choir, in worship. Grant that we may see you more
clearly and follow you more closely.

Lord of Life and Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

And bless these cherished children, those whom we have
promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep
them safe, excited, and eager to develop their gifts.

Grant that through their studies, they may gain the tools to
grow in love, faith and service, all of their days.

Lord of Life and Love, **Hear Our Prayer. Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

* Hymn No. 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

CHEREPONI

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Saved People Serve People: Outside In

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Give to My Eyes, Lord”

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Ronald Corp

* 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.**

Sending Forth

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Richard Gress

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Director
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte
John Morgan Manley, Crucifer
Austin Carter & Akins Manley, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our mother Melba M. Stout
and in honor of our father Carter M. Stout
by their sons Robert M. Stout, Larry M. Stout and their families.*

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

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

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Today's Sermon

Saved People Serve People: Outside In

Today's Scripture

Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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