

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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

Elizabeth Lamback, Violin

Call to Worship

Mickey Pope

Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people,
but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

* Confession and Pardon

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken
because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles:

the inner circle and the outer circle,
the circle of power and the circle of despair,
the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever there is alienation,
whenever there is misunderstanding,
whenever there is insensitivity
or a hardening of the heart.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever we cannot see eye to eye,
whenever we cannot link hand to hand,
whenever we cannot live heart to heart
and affirm our differences.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Through God's grace we are forgiven,
by the mercy of our Creator,
through the love of the Christ,
and in the power of the Spirit.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Glory to God! Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6
and Colossians 1: 15-20

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
(Text UMH 559)

Ainsworth Choir

Dale Wood

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.

K-4 and K-5 children will leave for

Children's Church after Children's Moments.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

“But my people would not listen to me;
Israel would not submit to me.
**So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own devices.**

If my people would only listen to me,
if Israel would only follow my ways,
**how quickly I would subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes!**
Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.
**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”**

* Hymn No. 368

“My Hope is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

New Testament Reading
1 Peter 2:2-5 (NIV)

Mickey Pope

Sermon
“Growing People Change”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

Elizabeth Lamback

* 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 438

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

DUKE STREET

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Director

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Mickey Pope, Lay Reader

Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte

Ames Jamison, Crucifer

Georgia Mercer & Davis Uren, Candlelighters

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of Budd S. Moss

by his wife Jace Moss, Carter and Susan Moss,

the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren.

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Today's Sermon

“Growing People Change”

Today's Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-5 (NIV)

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

If you are interested in listening to previous sermons, please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org and click on “Listen” on top right.

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.*