

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

The heavens proclaim your righteousness, O God.

And all the people behold your glory.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

And we shall give thanks to God's holy name!

* Hymn of Praise No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We believe, O Lord,

that you have not abandoned us
to the dim light of our own reason
to conduct us to happiness,

but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures
whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.

How noble and excellent are the precepts,
how sublime and enlightening the truth,
how persuasive and strong the motives,
how powerful the assistance of your holy religion.

Our delight shall be in your statutes,
and we will not forget your Word. **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
"Surely the Presence"

Lynne Whitten, Soprano
Larry Wolfe

*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for
children's church after the Act of Praise.*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

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
Matthew 5:17-24 (NIV)

Kelly Stone

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

Homily
"World Class Faith"

Rev. Sam Lamback

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

Richard Gress

Thanksgiving and Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving
Musical Setting A

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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.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

- * Hymn of Discipleship No. 98
“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary
“Prelude in G Major”

Richard Gress
Nikolaus Bruhns

- * Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Gluten-free Communion Wafers

*Gluten-free communion wafers are available
on the chancel steps pulpit side.*



Rev. Sam Lamback

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Kelly Stone, Lay Reader

Carol Pope, Bread Baker

Joe & Christina Stephens, Lay Communion Servers

Micah Johnston, Lead Acolyte

Savannah Stone, Communion Steward

Sara Kate Sellers, Crucifer

Cooper Baskette & Graham Johnston, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents,
Albert and Aloiuise Ray and Harold and Madge Chapman
by Harold and Freeda Chapman.*

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

“World Class Faith”

Today's Scripture

Matthew 5:17-24 (NIV)

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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