

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Robert Lind

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Come to God’s house with your songs and prayers.

We lift our voices to God.

Come to God’s house with your hopes and joys.

We bring our thanks and praise.

Come to God’s house with your needs and fears

We lay down our burdens before Christ.

Come to God’s house with your gifts and treasures.

We offer our lives to Christ.

Come to God’s house with all that you have
and with all that you are.

We are ready to worship and to serve.

* Entrance Hymn No. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God most holy and most near,

as we worship you

grant to us new eyes to see the world as you see it.

Grant to us new ears

to hear the startling news of your gospel.

Grant to us new hearts
to love you unashamedly
and to love our brothers and sisters unreservedly.
Grant to us new hands
to do the work of the kingdom,
to bind up the wounded,
to set free the captives,
to welcome the stranger.
As we worship, O Lord, make of us a new creation,
ready and willing to serve you in your world. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Seek to Serve”

Ainsworth Choir

Lloyd Pfautsch

*May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve,
May I live as one who knows the love of God.
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.
With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see.
With my lips may I speak.
May your Word be heard through me.
Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve.
Amen. Amen.*

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.*

* Hymn No. 712

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GRAND ISLE

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5 (The Message) Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Power of Serving:
“Clearly Determined”

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

* Hymn of Response No. 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Offering of our Gifts

Maggie Bergmark, Soprano

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” Mark Hayes

(Text UMH 399)

* 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

Rev. Tommy Perkins

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship

“The Servant Song”

BEACH SPRING

**We are travelers on a journey,
fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

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The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Closing Voluntary

“Voluntary on ABBOT'S LEIGH”

Burkhardt

“...With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.”

* Benediction

Rev Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Today's Soloist

Maggie Bergmark is a 2014 graduate of Stratford Academy and is currently studying at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ where she plans to pursue a vocal performance degree with an emphasis on opera. Some of you may remember that Maggie was the 2014 winner of Macon's Morning Music Club's Joseph Maerz Award. Maggie just returned from studying voice in Italy this summer. We are delighted to welcome her back to Macon and to have her offer her gift of music to us this morning in worship.



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Ainsworth Choir

David Keith, Conductor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

Will Smith, Crucifer

Akins Manley & Alex Stone, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Shipe
by Eleanor Castellaw and Beth Castellaw.*

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 and click on “Listen” on top left.

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 10:13-31

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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