

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” M. Burkhardt

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.

* Hymn of Praise No. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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* Opening Prayer

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.**

* 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

Maggie Bergmark, Soprano

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" Mark Hayes

(Text UMH 399)

Prayer

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.

Offering of our Gifts

* Doxology

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**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.**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5 (The Message)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Power of Serving:
“Clearly Determined”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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* 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
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all who are a part of the fellowship
and mission of Macon Outreach by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

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.

Gospel Reading for the Week
Mark 10:13-31

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and click on "Listen" on top left.*

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*