

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Richard Proulx

Call to Worship

We are gathered in the presence of God,
who asks us to choose between life and death,
blessing and curse.

**We are gathered like the people of Israel,
who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day
to begin anew by the grace of God.**

By our presence here,
we are saying that we want to choose life
one more time.

**Let us praise the God of love and life
who has called us to this place. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

* Opening Prayer

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

Gracious and holy God,
we come to you because you have first come to us.
We know you because you have revealed yourself.
Give us in this morning hour of worship
a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us.

Lift our hearts with the wings of song,
heal our souls with the balm of prayer,
enliven our minds
with the words of scripture and interpretation,
and newly enable us
to love you with our whole hearts,
to keep your commands,
and to walk in your ways of peace and justice. **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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Nicholas Spooner, Tenor

Bob Chilcott

Pastoral 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

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“God’s Promise of Choice”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 467

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joy’s mother, Lillie Sheppard
by Danny and Joy Humphrey.*

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Today's Sermon

“God's Promise of Choice”

Today's Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. ¹⁶For I command you this day to love the LORD your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy. ¹⁷“But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, ¹⁸then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. ¹⁹“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

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

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*