

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 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

Adrian Gnam, Oboe

“Siciliana” (Concerto for Oboe and Strings) Cimarosa/Benjamin

Call to Worship

Jack Head

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord’s tent
with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

(Psalm 27:1-2, 5-6)

* Entrance Hymn No. 117

“O God, our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the refuge of all your children,
in our weakness you are our strength,
in our darkness our light,
in our sorrow our comfort and peace.
May we always live in your presence,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Ainsworth Choir

Taylor Davis

*My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?
While though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble sick with fear,
And hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile,
Our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?
(Words by Robert Lowry)*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Madeline Kate Moore
Daughter of Andy and Heather Moore

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include Madeline Kate now before you
in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Madeline Kate
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Madeline Kate to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.*

Scripture Reading

Jack Head

Psalm 27:7-14 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

ReAlign: Baggage

Response to the Word

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

Peter Schultz, Soloist

Congregation sings the refrain.

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

Offering of our Gifts

Harry Ward, Violin

"Meditation" from *Thais*

Massenet

* 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 No. 129

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

FESTAL SONG

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Partita on ST. ANNE (Fugue-Finale)

Paul Manz

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Jack Head, Lay Reader
Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte
John Morgan Manley, Crucifer
Olivia Mann & Georgia Mercer, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Clay McKemie
by Shelby and Gene Cramer and Kristy, Kyndall
and John Robert McKemie.*

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

ReAlign: Baggage

Today's Scriptures

Psalm 27:7-14 (NLT)

⁷ Hear me as I pray, O LORD.

Be merciful and answer me!

⁸ My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."
And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."

⁹ Do not turn your back on me.

Do not reject your servant in anger.

You have always been my helper.

Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the LORD will hold me close.

¹¹ Teach me how to live, O LORD.

Lead me along the right path,

for my enemies are waiting for me.

¹² Do not let me fall into their hands.

For they accuse me of things I've never done;
with every breath they threaten me with violence.

¹³ Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness
while I am here in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD.

Be brave and courageous.

Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
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