

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Transfiguration of the Lord
February 26, 2017
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

Voluntary on ST. DENIO

Robert Powell

Call to Worship

Christi James

The Lord is Sovereign;
let the people tremble in awe.
**God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion,
and is high above all peoples.

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

* Opening Prayer

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

God of glory and mercy,
before his death in shame
your Son went to the mountain top,
and you revealed his life in glory.

Where prophets witnessed to him,
you proclaimed him your Son,
but he returned to die among us.

Help us face evil with courage,
knowing that all things, even death,
are subject to your transforming power.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
“Be Thou My Vision”

Ainsworth Choir
Claude Bass

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Moments

Holly Driggers

*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 for Transfiguration Sunday

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

HYFRYDOL

**We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.**

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* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Christi James

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God’s Promise of Presence”

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Prayers of the People

We have seen Jesus,
dazzling in glory.
We have heard the voice of God,
calling us to listen to him.
And we have been terrified.
But Jesus has come and touched us,
and told us, "Get up! Be not afraid."

We may not be able to explain
what we've seen and heard to others.

But we know the voice of the one who calls us.

And part of his call to us is to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

For all who are terrified today,
for whatever reason:
illness, oppression, abuse, war,
other threats of violence against themselves
or those they love:

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

For all who are rejoicing today,
for whatever reason:
birth, health, friendship, love blossoming,
joy unspeakable in your presence:

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

With all who hunger,
and all who seek to feed them;
with all who need medical attention,
and all who provide it,
with the good earth,
and all who work with soil and water
to provide the food we eat.

Give us this day our daily bread.

With all who have wronged us personally,
or wronged our nation, or our people, or the earth,
or other creatures, or anyone we know or love:

**And forgive us our trespasses,
and we forgive those who trespass against us.**

With all whose lives are a constant trial,
and those whose actions or inactions fail to help them:

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

With all among us who have today committed
to learn to follow in your way in the weeks ahead,
or learn to follow you more nearly,
and with all of us who will accompany one another
on this journey,
we lift our prayers and praise:

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen!**

Offering of our Gifts

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Joel Terning, Baritone

Harry T. Burleigh

* 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship

“You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

PICARDY

**You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.**

**Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.**

**You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.**

**Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.**

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Fantasy on “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Finale)

Piet Post

* 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, Ainsworth Choir Director

Christi James, Lay Reader

Maddie McClure, Acolyte

Hampton Tiller, Crucifer

Cooper Baskette & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and memory of Anna Dominy by the family.*

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

“God's Promise of Presence”

Today's Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don't be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Sermon Notes

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