

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 5, 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  
“Communion”

Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

We gather in peace,  
graced by the living, risen Christ,  
who welcomes us!

**We come with joy to meet our Savior.  
Alleluia!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 188  
“Christ is the World’s Light”

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\* Opening Prayer

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

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

**We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things,  
Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty,  
all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer,  
the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance,  
for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God  
contained in the Old and the New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and practice.**

**We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God  
as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 24:28-34 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily  
“3AM”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God  
and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,**  
    **we confess that we have not loved you**  
    **with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
    **we have broken your law**  
    **we have rebelled against your love,**  
    **we have not loved our neighbors,**  
    **and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
    **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
    that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table  
where we have known the presence of Christ  
and have received all Christ's gifts.**

**Strengthen our faith,  
increase our love for one another,  
and let us show forth your praise in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 613

“O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread”

LAND OF REST

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
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**Today's Sermon**  
"3AM"

**Today's Scripture**  
Luke 24:28-34 (NLT)

<sup>28</sup> By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, <sup>29</sup> but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. <sup>30</sup> As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, <sup>34</sup> who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://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.*