

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Transfiguration of the Lord
February 7, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

Opening Voluntary

“All My Hope is Firmly Grounded”
(Text UMH No. 132)

Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
praise befits the upright.
**Our souls are waiting for you, O Lord;
you are our help and our shield.**
In you do our hearts find joy;
we trust in your holy name.
**Let your love be upon us, O God,
as we place our hope in you.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Bless us, O God,
with a reverent sense of your presence,
that we may be at peace and may worship you
with all our mind and spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* 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.**

Old Testament Reading
Jeremiah 29:4-14 (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Homily
ReAlign: Worry and Doubt

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion Rev. Tommy Perkins

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship
“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain***

* Benediction

Rev. Bill Culpepper

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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.*

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Today's Sermon

ReAlign: Worry and Doubt

Today's Scriptures

Jeremiah 29:4-14 (NIV)

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” ⁸Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD.

¹⁰This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity.^[a] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Sermon Notes

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