

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 22, 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord,  
our hearts are ready!

**We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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\* Opening Prayer

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

O gracious and holy God,  
give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you,  
and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God,  
a mind to meditate on you,  
eyes to behold you,  
ears to listen for your Word,  
a heart to love you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the Spirit  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church,  
apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“For the Music of Creation”

Ainsworth Choir

Milburn Price

*For the music of creation,  
for the song Your Spirit sings,  
for Your sound's divine expression,  
burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer,  
hear us, echoes of Your voice,  
music is Your art, Your glory,  
let the human heart rejoice!  
Psalms and symphonies exalt You,  
drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
simple melodies acclaim You,  
tunes that rise from deepest need,  
hymns of longing and of belonging,  
carols from a cheerful throat,  
lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.  
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
worship lifting up the senses,  
hands that praise and dancing feet;  
over discord and division music speaks  
Your joy and peace,  
harmony of earth and heaven,  
song of God that cannot cease.*

*(Words by Shirley Erena Murray)*

## *Proclamation and Response*

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.*

Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**  
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.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
**"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."  
Your face, O Lord, I seek.**  
Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
for you have been my help.  
**Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the Lord!**

\* Hymn No. 140

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

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

Sermon

"Hopes and Dreams"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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 Krysta Therieau, Soprano  
"If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney

\* Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Sending Forth*

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 451 SLANE  
"Be Thou My Vision"

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Closing Voluntary Richard Gress  
"Prelude in C Major (BWV 547a)" J. S. Bach

\* 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*  
*Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*  
*Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries*  
*Savannah Stone, Acolyte*  
*Ames Jamison, Crucifer*  
*Cooper Baskette & Akins Manley, Candlelighters*

*The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to the fifteen  
Macon, Georgia churches for their participation in  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Old City Flower Festival.*

### *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**  
"Hopes and Dreams"

**Today's Scripture**  
Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

**Sermon Notes**

**Previous Sermons Available Online**

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