

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 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

Variations on “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” R. Proulx

Call to Worship

Sarah Grantham

Our worship is in the name of the Father,
**the one eternal God in whom we live
and move and have our being,**
and of the Son,
**our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom the love of God
is made manifest among us,**
and of the Holy Spirit,
**the Counselor by whom we become
the people of God and
the church of Jesus Christ.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 559

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

We believe, O Lord,
that you have not abandoned us
to the dim light of our own reason
to conduct us to happiness,
but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures
whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.
How noble and excellent are the precepts,
how sublime and enlightening the truth,
how persuasive and strong the motives,
how powerful the assistance of your holy religion.
Our delight shall be in your statutes,
and we will not forget your Word. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Order My Steps"

Ainsworth Choir
Burleigh/arr. Schrader

*Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,
lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your Word,
please order my steps in your Word.
Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,
while You are working, help me be still.
Tho' Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in your Word,
please, order my steps in your Word!
I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord,
and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I'll praise your name.
Order my steps in your Word,
order my tongue in your Word;
guide my feet in your Word,
wash my heart in your Word.
Show me how to walk in your Word,
show me how to talk in your Word.
When I need a brand new song to sing,
show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word.*

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.*

Psalms 19:7-14

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**
the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;
**the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
**sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
**But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me!
**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Scripture Readings

Sarah Grantham

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)
John 5:24 (MSG)

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

ReAlign: Focus

*Leadership Team should move to the front of the church
for the installation during the following hymn.*

* Hymn No. 413

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

BOYLSTON

Installation of Leaders in the Church

Dear friends,

you have been called by God
and chosen by the people of God
for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts

and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation

and challenge you to offer your best

to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ

and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install our 2016 Leadership Team.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself

a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people
of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task
for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings
upon these your servants
who have been given particular ministries
in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves
wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,
who did not think first of himself,
but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,
that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge
that through them your purposes are accomplished;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides
laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them
in the responsibilities to which they have been called,
giving them your cooperation, your counsel,
and your prayers?

We will.

Offering of our Gifts

‘Récit de Cromorne en taille’

Calvière

* 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

SENDING FORTH

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

SLANE

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary
Postlude

William Mathias

* 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
Eldon Lundin, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Sarah Grantham, Lay Reader
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Caroline Dunn, Crucifer
Isabella Ewing & Maddie McClure, Candlelighter*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in honor of parents and grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bowen, Jr. and Mr. Emmett E. Bogle
and in memory of Mrs. Jean Sue Bogle
by Bryan, Charlotte and Evan Bogle.*

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: Focus

Today's Scriptures

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

John 5:24 (MSG)

²⁴ “It's urgent that you listen carefully to this: Anyone here who believes what I am saying right now and aligns himself with the Father, who has in fact put me in charge, has at this very moment the real, lasting life and is no longer condemned to be an outsider. This person has taken a giant step from the world of the dead to the world of the living.

Sermon Notes

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