

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 31, 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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

* Entrance Hymn No. 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

God of all peoples,
you are the true light illumining everyone.
You show us the way, the truth, and the life.
You love us even when we are disobedient.
You sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
We rejoice in your life in the midst of our lives.
We praise you for your presence with us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Let us now confess our sins together.

Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time,
forgive us and help us to lay down
our burden of regret. Amen.

Silent Confession

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Act of Praise

“Laudate Dominum”

Ainsworth Choir

W. A. Mozart

Katie Trotter, Soprano

*O praise Jehovah, all ye nations,
praise him, O praise him, all ye peoples;
for all his loving kindness is evermore toward us,
and His truth endureth forever.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

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.*

* Hymn No. 408

"The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

Scripture Reading

Kelly Stone

1 Corinthians 13:4-7a (NIV)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

ReAlign: Marriage

A Sung Call to Prayer No. 420

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.**

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Let us pray together.

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Offering of our Gifts

"The Gift of Love"

Aaron David Miller

* 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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 671

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Processional Rondeau”

David Lasky

* 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, Conductor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Kelly Stone, Lay Reader

Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte

Ames Jamison, Crucifer

Cooper Baskette & Ben Jamison, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Sunday nursery staff.*

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: Marriage

Today's Scriptures
1 Corinthians 13:4-7a (NIV)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Sermon Notes

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