

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 8, 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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Robert Lind

Call to Worship

We have come to praise God,
who has done wonderful things among us.
**In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love,
giving light for our darkness
and strength for all our days.**
Sing praise to God’s name,
bow before God in prayer,
open your hearts to God’s saving word.
Arise, shine, for your light has come!

* Hymn No. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

* Opening Prayer

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

God of all joy,
we give you thanks that in the epiphany of Jesus Christ
you have shown us the way to true life.
We thank you that you judge us
not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified
in all the earth. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Magnolia Lynn Culpepper

Daughter of Bill and Lindsey Culpepper

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include Magnolia now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Magnolia
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

* Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Magnolia to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

* Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

Act of Praise

Ken Medema

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.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2-8 (NLT)

* Gospel Reading

Luke 5:4-11

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

“Fishin’ on the Dock of the Bay”

Musical Reflection on the Spoken Word

Ken Medema

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

John Behnke

* 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. 664

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ASH GROVE

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Ken Medema

Across the years, Ken Medema has shared his passion for learning and discovery through storytelling and music with an ever-growing circle of followers around the world. Ken has been performing for over 40 years in many different venues: churches, conventions, colleges, corporations and more, for groups ranging from 50 to 50,000 people. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind, singing stories from his audience and accenting themes and perspectives from speakers and workshop leaders. Ken custom designs every musical moment through improvisation and new composition to bring each event to life.

Ken and his wife, Jane, make their home in Alameda, California. Together, they work on program designs for Ken's events, making time to explore new developments in religion, psychology and culture. They share a passion for movies (yes, Ken is an avid movie consumer), books, new music and politics, and loves keeping up with two feisty grandchildren.



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Savannah Stone, Acolyte
Alex Stone, Crucifer
Graham Johnston & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of George and Sarah Grier
and Brooks and Mary Beth Gaudry
by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.*

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

“Fishin’ on the Dock of the Bay”

Today's Scripture

Luke 5:4-11

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Sermon Notes

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