

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 8, 2017
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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

Opening Voluntary

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

John Behnke

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.

Act of Praise

"The Master Has Come"

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Joseph Martin

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2-8 (NLT)

Pastoral 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

* 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.**

* Gospel Reading
Luke 5:4-11

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

Sermon
“Fishin’ on the Dock of the Bay”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 398
“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor and appreciation to Lois McLain
for over 35 years of service as a member of The Flower Guild
of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

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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

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and click on “Listen” on top right.*

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.*