

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 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
“Rigaudon”

Cam Bishop
Campra

Call to Worship

Christi James

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.
(Psalm 95:1-2)

* Hymn of Praise No. 73
“O Worship the King”

LYONS

* Opening Prayer

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

You, O God, are mighty forever.
You cause the wind to blow
and the rain to fall.
You sustain the living,
give life to the dead,
support the falling,
loose those who are bound,
and keep your faith to those that sleep in the dust.
Who is like unto you, O God of mighty acts? **Amen.**
(An Ancient Jewish Prayer)

Call to Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

‘Search me, O God and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.’

We express our longing for God’s leading
by our own transparent confession.
(based on Psalm 139:23-24)

Confession and Pardon

Let us pray.

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of the world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Congregation sings the response as directed.
Katie Trotter, Cantor*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo-ry to
 God! _____ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth! _____

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: From the liturgy (Luke 2:14)
 MUSIC: David Haas (from *Mass of Light*)

GLORIA (HAAS)
 Irregular

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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. 163

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

HENDON

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

Christi James

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Once Upon a Time: Bible Stories You Need to Know
 "The Faith of the Centurion"

Musical Reflection

"At the River"

Greg Elliott, Baritone
 arr. Copland

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

Richard Gress

* 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. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“Prelude in C”

Richard Gress

Jules Massenet

* 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

Ainsworth Choir

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Christi James, Lay Reader

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

Alex Stone, Crucifer

Georgia Mercer, Candelighter

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of James Franklin Thomas
by Dr. and Mrs. William H. Jarrard, Jr.*

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Today's Sermon

Once Upon a Time: Bible Stories You Need to Know
"The Faith of the Centurion"

Today's Scripture

Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

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

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*