

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Morning Has Broken”

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Emma Johnston

May those who love your salvation say continually,
“Great is the Lord!”

**Yea, our heart is glad in God,
because we trust in God’s holy name.**

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

**We praise you, O God;
we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

* Entrance Hymn

“We Sing to You, O God”

DARWALL’S 148TH

**We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.**

**To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.**

**We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.**

**You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.**

**You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.**

**We ride the vaults of light and air
and trust in your unfailing care.**

**O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the god in whom we trust.**

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, in mystery and silence
you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. **Amen.**

Psalm 27:1-6

Emma Johnston

Act of Praise

Soloist & Congregation

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Jack Noble White

Katie Trotter, Soloist

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as directed.

Refrain

Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will
trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.' followed by a long horizontal line.

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. 140

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Old Testament Reading
Judges 6:11-16 (NIV)

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Once Upon a Time...

Bible Stories You Need to Know: Gideon – Mighty Warrior
“Can You See It?”

Response to the Word

Katie Trotter, Soprano

“Lord of the Small”

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise Him O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise
He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

Words by Johanna Anderson

Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 578

“God of Love and God of Power”

UNSER HERRSCHER

* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present
for him in the world this week.*

Voluntary on UNSER HERRSCHER David Cherwien

* 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 of Youth Ministries

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Emma Johnston, Lay Reader

Conner Hefner, Crucifer

John Manley Morgan & Xavier Tarbox, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor and appreciation of our pastors and their wives,*

*Jimmy and Debbie Towson,
Tommy and Caroline Perkins,
and Bill and Lindsey Culpepper
by Bill and Cindy Jarrard.*

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*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.

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 9:30-37

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

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