

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 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

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices” Michael Burkhardt

*O that I had a thousand voices  
to praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
would then proclaim in grateful songs to all,  
wherever I might be,  
what great things God has done for me!  
(John Mentzer, 1704)*

Call to Worship

Mickey Pope

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
With all that is within me I will bless your holy name.  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**  
**You forgive our iniquity and heal our diseases.**  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**Great is your love toward all those who fear you.**  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**  
*(Psalm 103)*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you who continually call your people to yourself,  
draw us by the power of your Holy Spirit  
into such a warm and binding relationship  
that we may faithfully follow you  
all the days of our lives.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to pray...

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand**

**of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge**

**the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us listen for the voice of the One  
who leads us in the paths of righteousness.

*Brief Silence*

Let us pray together.

**O God,**

**to repent is to turn away from everything  
that separates us from you.**

**We are imperfect people, and yet you love us.**

**We are distracted people,  
and yet you come near to us,  
calling us to follow you.**

**We are lost, and yet you find us.**

**Draw near to us now,  
in your saving presence and power,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Confession*

Hear the good news:

God is the alpha and the omega;  
the beginning and the end;  
the first and the last.

The One who calls you is the One  
who walks beside you  
to give you strength and peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Act of Praise

Phebe Settles, Soprano

## **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. 344

**"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"** PESCADOR DE HOMBRES  
Emma Johnston, Soloist

The congregation sings the refrain as directed.

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Mark 2:13-17 (NLT)

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: Matthew Meets Jesus  
“Who Me?”

Sung Response to the Word  
“Lord, Here Am I”

Phebe Settles, Soprano  
John Ness Beck

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;  
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
what is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
willing to suffer reproaches and loss;  
willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;  
only support me with grace in my need.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

*Living or dying, I still would be Thine,  
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;  
pity, and bring me again to the light.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*  
*(Words by Fanny Cosby)*

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

“Voluntary on RESTORATION

Albert Travis

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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

Rev. Bill Culpepper

## SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 340

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

\* 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.*

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” David Cherwien*

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Mickey Pope, Lay Reader*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of John H. Kennington  
by Charlotte and John Kennington.*

## **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.*

### **Previous Sermons Available Online**

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on "Listen" on top left.*

### **Gospel Reading for the Week**

*Mark 9:38-50*

### **Up & Coming Events & Prayer List**

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