

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2015
Nine O'clock*



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

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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)

* Hymn of Praise No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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.**

* Affirmation of Faith

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

“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 will 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 Crosby)*

Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Offering of our Gifts

* Doxology

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**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

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?”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 398

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

* 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*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her brother, Thomas E. McDonald,
and their parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. McDonald
by Hannah Greene.*

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.*

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Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 9:38-50

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