

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 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

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Call to Worship

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.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

* Opening Prayer

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

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise
“Lord, Come and Save Us”

Katie Trotter, Cantor
Marty Haugen

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as directed.

Psalm 146

Marty Haugen

Lord, come and save us, Lord, come and
save us, Lord, come and save us.

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*Children age 5K and under are invited to leave for
children’s church after the Act of Praise.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading
Daniel 3:13-18 (NLT)

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

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Once Upon a Time:
Bible Stories You Need to Know
“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego”

**We believe that God created the earth,
and that everything in the earth belongs to God.
We believe that God has given us this nation
and blessed us with freedom and plenty.
We believe that freedom and plenty
carry certain responsibilities:
that we are to love justice and mercy,
and walk humbly with our God;
that we are to share our gifts with those who have less,
both in this nation and in other nations;
and that we are to live with gratitude,
giving thanks to God for all that we have received.
We believe, therefore, that we cannot fully celebrate
our independence without remembering
at the same time our dependence upon God
and exalting God's name among the nations.
There is no power like the power of God.
Glory be to God! Amen!**

* Hymn No. 698

“God of the Ages”

NATIONAL HYMN

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13
Communion responses are spoken.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.
After receiving communion,
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.
Please let an usher know
if you need to be served in your pew.*

Music at Communion Katie Trotter, Violin
*The music for communion includes arrangements
of Early American Hymn Tunes.*

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 452

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Richard Gress

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Richard Gress, Assistant Organist

Cam Bishop, Pianist

Ainsworth Choir

Carol Head, Bread Baker

Hines & Barbara Wommack, Lay Communion Servers

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

Micah Johnston, Communion Steward

John Morgan Manley, Crucifer

Grahan Johnston & Akins Manley, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Otis Benton Gunn,
and son, Otis Walton Gunn, by Mrs. Jeanette Gunn.*

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.*

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Today's Sermon

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Bible Stories You Need to Know
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Today's Scripture

Daniel 3:13-18 (NLT)

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in,

14 Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up?

15 I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?”

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you.

17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty.

18 But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

Sermon Notes

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